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Visitors walk into the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Ark. The National Archives made public another 4,000 pages of documents from the Clinton White House on Friday, October 10, 2014, including previously unreleased records related to Vice President Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign and the 2000 recount in Florida. The records have been highly anticipated as former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton considers a 2016 presidential campaign.

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Clinton Papers On Lewinsky, Others Released

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House strategy to defend President Bill Clinton against the political fallout of his affair with intern Monica Lewinsky is detailed in documents the

National Archives released Friday, part of a batch of records that might shed light on painful chapters in Hillary Rodham Clinton's life as she ponders another bid for the presidency. The papers include lists of talking points, questions

prepared for media interviews and efforts to defend the president against impeachment, part of 10,000 pages of records being released from the Clinton administration. The documents did not appear to reveal any new informa-

tion that might affect a potential Hillary Clinton campaign. Many records involving Lewinsky are redacted, but one document sheds light on her job: Lewinsky sent an official request to hang a picture of Clinton, sign-

ing a telecommunications bill, in a White House legislative affairs office. Behind the scenes, Clinton officials were adamant that they were not trying to discredit Lewinsky.

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Ebola: Deaths keep rising; world reacts

CONNIE CASS
Associated Press

American Marines scrambled to add Ebola treatment beds in Liberia on Friday, while the U.S. and Britain readied new disease screenings for passengers arriving at their airports from West Africa. Doctors tried out experimental drugs in a global battle against the deadly sickness.

The U.N. said nations must all work together — and

fore sending him home, the records show.

Before he was released, Thomas Eric Duncan's fever spiked to 103 degrees, he reported severe pain and told a nurse that he'd recently come from Africa. But doctors didn't think of Ebola until he returned to the hospital two days later by ambulance. On Wednesday, Duncan became the first person to die of Ebola in the United

countries where the virus is multiplying out of control — Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

"As long as there is one case of Ebola in any one of these countries, no country is safe from the dangers posed by this deadly virus," said Anthony Banbury, who heads the new United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response.

A guide to development around the globe:

In addition to the hospital, a vanguard of Marines brought aircraft this week that will help ferry construction supplies for 17 treatment units with 100 beds each, to be finished by the end of November.

The total American forces responding to the crisis may reach 4,000, U.S. officials said.

AT BIG U.S. AIRPORTS

New York's Kennedy In-

Chuck Hagel: Will Turks train Syrian opposition across Turkey?

LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

TOLEMAIDA AIR BASE, Colombia (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Friday that the U.S. wants to know how far Turkey is willing to go in helping train and equip moderate opposition fighters trying to topple Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Turkey has agreed to support efforts to train and equip the Syrian opposition, but the U.S. doesn't know if Ankara is willing to do the training inside Turkey itself. Saudi Arabia, for instance, has agreed to host training facilities for Syrian rebels on its territory. U.S. officials are still discussing the details with Turkish officials.

"The specifics that go with train and equip — locations, contributions, trainers — will be part of that conversation," Hagel said in Colombia, his first stop on a six-day trip to South America.

Assad's forces continue to fight opposition forces, but the Syrian civil war — now in its fourth year — has been eclipsed by Islamic militants' battle to overrun the city of Kobani along Syria's border with Turkey. In recent months, the Islamic extremists have taken control of territory across Iraq and Syria at lightning speed. U.S. and coalition forces have been launching airstrikes near Kobani, which officials believe could fall to the militants. The U.S. has been urging Turkey to get more involved in the battle against the extremists. Ankara has hesitated and has persistently asked the U.S. to set up a safe zone along Turkey's border with Syria. Hagel said earlier that such a zone was not actively being considered, although U.S. officials are open to discussing it. Hagel said Thursday that in addition to helping train the Syrian opposition, the U.S. also would like to get access to the Turkish air base at Incirlik in southern Turkey as a base from which to launch strikes against the Islamic militants.



A man walks past a billboard warning people of the deadly Ebola virus in Monrovia, Liberia. Friday, Oct. 10, 2014. The number of people killed in the Ebola outbreak has risen above 4,000, the World Health Organization has said. The latest figures show there have been 8,376 cases and 4,024 deaths in the worst-affected West African nations of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The news comes as Liberian MPs refused to grant the president additional powers to deal with the Ebola crisis.

(AP Photo/ Abbas Dulleh)

fast — or "the world will have to live with the Ebola virus forever."

The death toll in West Africa passed 4,000 for the first time in the World Health Organization's count of confirmed and suspected Ebola cases.

As worry ricocheted around the globe, medical records obtained by The Associated Press underscored questions about the United States' front-line defenses. The Dallas hospital that initially missed the nation's first Ebola diagnosis put a Liberian man through a battery of tests and CT scans for appendicitis, stroke and other serious ailments be-

States.

Questions linger about the readiness of the medical system in Spain, too. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's motorcade was jeered by health care workers when he made a surprise visit Friday to the Madrid hospital where a nursing assistant is lying sick with Ebola, which she apparently caught while treating a patient infected in West Africa. Unions and opposition politicians said the national health care system didn't give medical workers the proper training and protective gear.

At the United Nations, the focus was on the three

ON THE GROUND

The U.S. military is rushing to set up a 25-bed hospital in Liberia for health workers who catch the disease. Because Ebola is spread by bodily fluids such as blood and urine, West African doctors and nurses are especially vulnerable to infection at a moment when their nations need them desperately.

Rear Adm. Scott Giberson, the acting U.S. deputy surgeon general, said the facility would be ready within weeks.

"We have experience deploying in lots of medical settings," Giberson said. "However, this is unique."

international was slated to begin checking some arriving passengers Saturday for fever, which could be a sign of Ebola but also is common with many other illnesses.

Passengers traveling from Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea are to be screened using no-touch thermometers.

Over the next week, the screenings will expand to Newark Liberty, Washington Dulles, Chicago O'Hare and Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta. Together, those airports receive more than 90 percent of passengers from the three nations.

Top world finance officials grapple with weak growth

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Finance ministers from the world's largest economies said Friday they are determined to prevent a slide into another global recession, but a top U.S. official expressed frustration that a number of major economies were not doing enough to bolster growth.

After two days of discussions, finance officials from the Group of 20 nations unveiled plans for a global initiative to build roads and other infrastructure projects to help boost world growth by \$2 trillion over the next five years and create millions of jobs.

But officials conceded that this longer-run effort will not help with the pressing problems of weak growth in Europe and a number of other parts of the world. And U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew complained that governments in Europe, Japan and China were failing to deliver needed support.

"European leaders should focus on recalibrating policies to address persistent demand weaknesses," Lew said in comments prepared for a session of the policy-setting committee of the International Monetary Fund. Weak reports on industrial production and trade out of Germany, Europe's largest economy, jolted financial markets and raised worries that Europe could be headed for another recession. U.S. stocks endured their worst week since May 2012 with the losses continuing on Friday when the Dow Jones industrial average slid 115 points. It was against this backdrop that G-20 finance ministers and central bank presidents met for two days of talks that wrapped up Friday in advance of the annual meetings of the 188-nation IMF and its sister lending institution, the World Bank.

Lew did not mention Germany by name, but it was clear that his remarks on Europe focused on that nation's reluctance to do more to stimulate growth. He said that "countries with external surpluses and fiscal flexibility" needed to bolster their efforts to promote stronger growth. Germany, Europe's largest economy, ran a large trade surplus last year.

The G-20 group is led this year by Australia, which will host a leader's summit next month in Brisbane. Australian Treasurer Joe Hockey, who chaired the finance discussions, told reporters that the plan the G-20 group has developed involved more than 900 individual projects with the potential to lift growth by 1.8 percent over the next five years. He said all the details would be revealed at the leaders' summit.

While developing the five-year plan for infrastructure projects, the G-20 finance officials were less successful in their efforts to deal with the immediate threats from the slowdowns in Europe, Latin America and China. The group did not issue a communique, but individual finance ministers said the economic problems were discussed in the sessions.

"We as a group do not want to settle for mediocre growth," Canadian Finance Minister Joe Oliver told reporters after the G-20 discussions ended Friday. "We don't think we have to."

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said that while the problems facing the global economy were well-known "action in the past has lacked. This time the challenge is for real. We must aim higher, try harder and work better together to achieve higher growth outcomes."

In addition to the dangers of weak growth, the finance officials also addressed a growing health crisis from the Ebola virus. □

Clinton papers on Lewinsky, others released

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"There is no evidence whatsoever that the White House was directing or involved in any campaign against her," Clinton aide Sidney Blumenthal wrote in a January 1999 memo.

In addition to the 1990s-era events, the papers touch on Elena Kagan, now a Su-

perior Court justice, who as a White House counsel defended Bill Clinton in the lawsuit brought by ex-Arkansas state employee Paula Jones. Clinton's testimony for the Jones lawsuit, in which he denied a sexual relationship with Lewinsky, led to his impeachment in 1998. The House approved two articles of impeachment against Clinton, but he was acquitted by the Senate.

Clinton's influence in the White House is also expected to be explored in the papers, from her role on Clinton's unsuccessful health care overhaul plan to her 2000 Senate campaign in New York. Bill Clinton left office in January 2001.



Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, left, talks with supporters at a Barnes & Noble bookstore in Chicago. The National Archives made public another 4,000 pages of documents from the Clinton White House on Friday, October 10, 2014. The records have been highly anticipated as former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton considers a 2016 presidential campaign.

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Past installments have offered an unvarnished look at Bill Clinton's two terms, detailing his unsuccessful attempt to change the health care system, Republicans' sweeping vic-

tories in the 1994 midterm elections and the shaping of his wife's public image. Hillary Clinton, who went on to serve as a senator from New York and as President Barack Obama's secretary of state, now is a powerful advocate for Democrats in the midterm elections and the leading Democratic prospect for

president in 2016. The possibility of a presidential campaign has heightened interest in the documents by media organizations, political opposition researchers and historians. The papers touch on the Whitewater investigation into Bill and Hillary Clinton's land dealings in Arkansas, the 1993 death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster and pardons Bill Clinton granted in the final hours as president.

The papers show that the Republican-led investigation into Foster's suicide infuriated the White House, which tried to recruit bestselling author William Styron to write a piece critical of the probe. Clinton communications specialists even drafted a piece for the novelist and author of a memoir of his own depression. It is unclear if the piece was ever published.

With these documents the

National Archives will have released about 30,000 pages of papers since February. Both the Obama White House and the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Arkansas, have signed off on their release.

Some of the memos are devoted to one of the Clintons' longest-running

political roller coasters: the Whitewater real estate saga. As the case threatened to mushroom into a scandal, the president, first lady and their circle of advisers hatched a strategy to convince the public the Clintons had done nothing wrong — and had nothing to hide.

Some advocates, suggesting the Clintons step before the cameras to make their case, provided a point-by-point primer.

"In this situation, the Clintons' attitude is their message.

They must be relaxed, open and forthcoming. Any sense of bitterness, anger or righteous indignation will not work," said a March 11, 1994, memo written by Clinton adviser Paul Begala. "No matter how justified some of our feelings on this may be, this will be the first time most Americans will hear directly from the president and first lady." □

Supreme Court lifts stay on same-sex marriages in Idaho

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WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Friday allowed same-sex marriages to proceed in Idaho, lifting a temporary stay issued two days earlier by Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.

The developments capped a busy week for gay rights. It started with the court's refusal Monday to hear appeals from decisions striking down same-sex marriage bans in Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. The next day, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in San Francisco, struck down bans in Idaho and Nevada.

The Supreme Court's orders this week allowed same-sex marriages to proceed in all seven states, raising the number of states in which such unions are lawful to 26, along with the District of Columbia. The legal ripple effects from the various appeals court rulings

the Supreme Court tacitly sustained should soon raise that number to 35.

Those ripples reached Col-

orado this week, where same-sex marriages have started, and North Carolina, where a federal judge

Friday struck down the state's ban based on one of the appeals court decisions the Supreme Court let

stand Monday.

Kennedy, the member of the court responsible for hearing emergency applications from the 9th Circuit, entered a temporary stay Wednesday morning on very short notice after a last-minute request from officials in Idaho. He acted so quickly that he included Nevada in his order.

A few hours later, Kennedy issued a revised order, limiting the stay to Idaho.

In seeking the emergency stay, Idaho officials argued that the Supreme Court should block the 9th Circuit's decision because there was "a very strong likelihood that four justices will consider the issue presented here sufficiently meritorious to warrant this court's review."

That assertion was hard to reconcile with Monday's developments, according to lawyers for the gay couples who had brought the suit.



Melissa Vigil, left, embraces her wife Cidney Marsh and son Koston Vigil during a rally in Library Square, after the Supreme Court decision to let appeals court rulings stand in five states, clearing the way for same-sex marriages, Salt Lake City. The Supreme Court on Friday allowed same-sex marriages to proceed in Idaho, lifting a temporary stay issued two days earlier by Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.

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Tensions high as more protests planned in Missouri



Protesters carry signs as they march in the streets of Clayton, Mo. on Friday, Oct. 10, 2014 near the St. Louis County Courthouse during a protest against the Aug. 9, 2014 police shooting of unarmed black 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. Protesters want prosecutors to file criminal charges against the white police officer who fatally shot Brown.

(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

JIM SALTER

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tensions were high Friday as the St. Louis region prepared for what's expected to be four days of large-scale protests and marches over the fatal shooting of a black 18-year-old by a white police officer — events being held in the wake of a similar fatal police shooting. Several civil rights organizations are joining together to host protests through Monday, starting with a Friday afternoon rally outside St. Louis County prosecutor Bob McCulloch's office. A

march through downtown St. Louis is planned for Saturday. Protesters will continue calling for charges against Darren Wilson, the white Ferguson officer who shot the unarmed Michael Brown on Aug. 9 in the St. Louis suburb. A state grand jury is hearing evidence but not expected to decide until next month. The Justice Department has opened a civil rights investigation. Black leaders in St. Louis also want the Justice Department to investigate the fatal shooting of Vonderrit D. Myers by a white St.

Louis officer on Wednesday night. Police say Myers shot at the officer, but Myers' parents say he was unarmed. The officer's name has not been released. St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson said police are prepared for the protests. "These groups come together for the right reasons — to have their voices heard," Dotson said. "It's our job as law enforcement, regardless of the message, to protect them. It's when the agitators come in to try and take advantage of the stage that's been created that we have problems." Hundreds of people gathered late Thursday to protest Myers' death. At one point officers used pepper spray to force the crowd back. St. Louis police spokeswoman Schron Jackson said one officer

was struck in the arm by a brick someone threw. Eight protesters were arrested, including five for unlawful assembly. The officer was off-duty and working neighborhood patrol for the private firm GCI Security when shooting Myers. Jackson said he was wearing his police uniform and carrying his department-issued weapon. Dotson said the officer's suspicion was aroused when Myers and two other males started to run but stopped. Once the officer made a U-turn, the three decided to run. The officer chased them, and he and Myers got into a physical altercation. Dotson said Myers pointed a gun at the officer and began shooting. Ballistic evidence showed

Myers fired three shots before his gun jammed, Dotson said. Police said they recovered the 9 mm gun, which was reported stolen on Sept. 26. The officer responded by firing off 17 rounds, the chief said. Preliminary autopsy results show a shot to the head killed Myers. Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce said an assistant U.S. attorney will work with her office so that both state and federal laws can be reviewed. She offered no timeline on the investigation. Online court documents show that Myers was free on bond when he was killed. He had been charged with the unlawful use of a weapon, a felony, and misdemeanor resisting arrest in June.



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From Mid-Atlantic to Midwest, Voters Express Frustration, Fatigue

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UNIONTOWN, Pa. - Lee Bullied, a retired nurse and registered Democrat, leaned on her cane here and offered a lament.

"There's nothing left in this area," she said. "There's no industry. There's nowhere to work for men or families." Bullied's emotional fatigue is a shared condition, with Americans crawling back from the Great Recession, conflicted about new military involvement in the Middle East, and blaming their elected leaders for their fate.

A 1,100-mile, five-day road trip through seven states, following the general contours of the National Road - built in the first half of the 19th century and nicknamed "The Main Street of America" - offered snapshots of disquiet and faded aspirations.

Interviews with more than five dozen voters from Maryland to Missouri revealed a weary electorate, and one with a shaky grip on the American ethos of better days ahead.

Many were angry with President Barack Obama, whom they described as a failed leader. They said they had seen very little change and were fast losing hope. And even those who supported the president spoke of his unrealized potential - though they placed the blame with the world of partisan politics he inherited, saying he was doing the "best he can" (Springfield, Illinois) or "as good as can be expected" (Terre Haute, Indiana).

Their sentiments about Congress, with the midterm elections less than a month away, were unambiguous and harshly negative.

A Disconnect

WHEELING, W.Va. - Danny Swan, 27, stood in front of his Grow Ohio Valley farm stand - a white bucket brimming with freshly picked blueberries, and cardboard boxes stuffed with peppers, tomatoes and corn - and talked about how all the politi-



In a two-photo combination Derrick Terrell, left, and Amish Oza, two supporters of President Barack Obama, in Columbus, Ohio. Interviews with more than five dozen voters from Maryland to Missouri revealed a weary electorate, and one with a shaky grip on the American ethos of a brighter future just around the corner. Terrell and Oza, with many others, argue that the president has faced real limits on what he can achieve.

(Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

cians in Washington were "play acting," busy "putting on a show to entertain the rest of us, right next to People magazine on the newsstand."

What they don't understand, Swan said, are communities like his, in the Ohio River Valley at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. "I want to see our political leaders standing out here with us, finding out: Why is it that our tomato crop failed this year?" he said. "What can they do to help us next year? Why is it that the local print shop had to lay off 12 people this year?"

But however disconnected voters feel from their government, their relationship with Washington is layered. While many, like Swan, blame politicians for their economic station, they also seem to be yearning for the government to help. "I work six days a week, nine and a half hours a day, and I still struggle to pay my bills and make sure that my son has," said Jannette Rideoutt, 38, who manages a clothing store here. "I don't think they understand, because they have money, and when you have money, it just makes life a little bit more

simple."

Out for a motorcycle ride in Terre Haute, Rick Poole, 56, said that as a truck driver in the oil fields of North Dakota, he felt lucky to have a stable job. But he added that Washington politicians were living in a bubble in which "they have no idea what it's like to be out here and having to work for minimum wage of \$8 or \$9 an hour and try to raise a family." "You can't do that," Poole said. "And if you're going to have to work 60, 70, 80 hours a week just to keep your head above water, what kind of life is that?"

Here at Home

INDIANAPOLIS - Diana Warren knows that, as she put it, "9/11 was brought to us." But now, 13 years after the World Trade Center fell, she worries that Obama is "too busy with foreign things and foreign policies."

"I know some of them foreign countries need help, but I can't see sending billions of dollars over there when they're cutting off people's unemployment here," said Warren, 50, a waitress from St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Such sentiments popped up repeatedly along the

National Road, which predated the construction of the Interstate System. The overarching view: "Get home down, and then you can worry about everything else," said Weldon Clark, a 19-year-old sophomore at Indiana State University. The appeal was echoed from east to west. An Ohio police officer passing through Maryland on a motorcycle worried that the money and troops the president had sent to the Middle East were not "making us any safer." And a St. Louis woman out for an after-dinner stroll said it was time to accept that "the days of the United States as a superpower are over."

But for those who would like to see the United States play a larger role abroad - to see Obama take on a more muscular stance as commander in chief - the

frustration is no less intense. Heather Lopez, a church worker in Terre Haute, echoed many voters who argued that Obama was not a strong leader, saying, "He talks like he's neutered."

So, what would Lopez like to see happen?

"Instead of being a country that's leading from behind, I would like to see us spearhead an all-out assault on ISIS," she said, referring to the Islamic State, the Sunni militant group that controls large portions of Iraq and Syria and has claimed responsibility for the beheadings of two American journalists. "I would like to see every one of them dead within 30 days. And after we've killed every member of ISIS, kill their pet goat."

President Obama

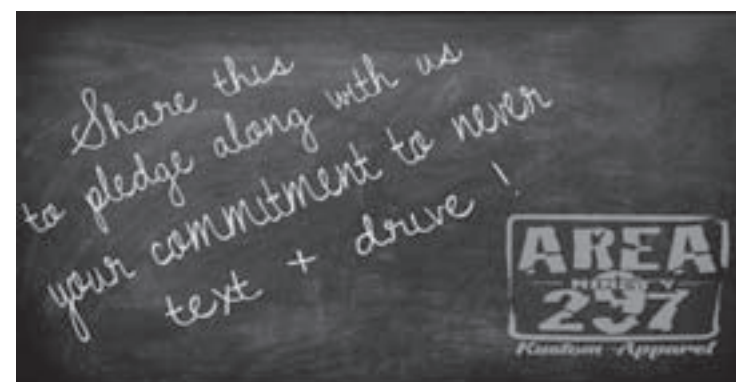
COLUMBUS, Ohio - Six years into Obama's presidency, the litany of complaints against him runs deep.

From a retired woman in downtown Columbus: "Lousy. Inefficient. He's just not there."

From an optometrist taking a break at a Dairy Queen in Terre Haute: "Terrible. Poor. He's basically enabling socialism."

And from Lopez, the church worker, who said she got much of her information from Fox News: "I think a monkey could do better. Daffy Duck could do better. And your average housewife without a high school education could do better."

But conversations with voters revealed another, perhaps quieter, group of Americans: those who voted for Obama and still want him to succeed, even as they resign themselves to a more narrow definition of success. □



US Financial Front:

Billionaire Icahn says lawmaker 'selling out' Atlantic City

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Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey

(AP) — Carl Icahn accused New Jersey's Senate president of "selling out" Atlantic City by considering casinos near New York City, while the legislative leader said the state wouldn't give the billionaire investor the tax breaks he is seeking.

Icahn responded Friday to stinging criticism by state Senate President Steven Sweeney and others about Icahn's role in a proposed bailout of the struggling Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort. Icahn said he would give the casino \$100 million, but only in return for union givebacks and tax credits.

Sweeney on Friday ruled out any state contribution to Trump Entertainment Resorts' proposed transfer to Icahn. That made it even more likely the Taj Mahal will close on Nov. 13, as Trump Entertainment has threatened to do.

Icahn said Sweeney, who is also a union leader and president of an ironworkers' union, "is selling out Atlantic City" by publicly considering expanding casino gambling to the Meadowlands — something he and many other southern New Jersey politicians were once solidly against. Icahn noted that he bought the Tropicana Casino and Resort out of bankruptcy four

years ago when it was in danger of closing, invested in it and added jobs.

"Sweeney is selling out Atlantic City to northern New Jersey on the one hand, and now he's telling all these employees in Atlantic City that Carl Icahn is to

monopoly on gambling in New Jersey.

"On the one hand, we are to believe Sen. Sweeney is Atlantic City's staunchest defender, yet on the other hand, the same Sen. Sweeney is off in north Jersey making plans to allow

gaming outside of New York City, a concession that may mean the end of gaming in Atlantic City," Icahn said. "Sen. Sweeney, what you are doing here is selling out the people you represent in a remarkable act of contortionism. Har-

ry Houdini would be very proud."

In July, Sweeney spoke at a news conference with Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian and state senator James Whelan about the possibility of expanding casino gambling beyond Atlantic City, which would require amending the state constitution. At the news conference, Sweeney was vague about what expanding casinos outside Atlantic City would entail, promising only that he would not put forth any bill that does not sufficiently help Atlantic City.

Trump Entertainment has crafted a proposal to keep the Taj Mahal open and turn it over to Icahn, who owns about \$285 million worth of the company's debt. Under the plan, Icahn would invest \$100 million into the casino, but only if Atlantic City drastically reduced the company's property tax assessment, union workers gave up their pension and health insurance, and a state redevelopment agency contributed \$25 million in tax credits.



From left, Tony Demidio, Steven Nordaby, lift one of the letters from the closed Trump Plaza casino sign into a truck in Atlantic City, N.J. Carl Icahn accused New Jersey's Senate president of "selling out" Atlantic City by considering casinos near New York City, while the legislative leader said the state wouldn't give the billionaire investor the tax breaks he is seeking.

(AP Photo/The Press of Atlantic City, Vernon Ogradnek)

blame, when I'm the only one that took a risk with \$80 million when no one else would," Icahn told The Associated Press. Icahn said investors are shying away from Atlantic City because they are afraid casinos will be approved for north Jersey, killing the seaside resort's



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Koreas exchange fire after activists launch balloons

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SEOUL, South Korea — South and North Korea exchanged machine-gun fire across their heavily armed border Friday, several hours after a group of South Korean activists, including defectors from the Communist North, released dozens of large balloons loaded with leaflets criticizing the Pyongyang government into the North, South Korean officials said. No damage or casualties were reported after the exchange of fire.

South Korean troops on the border first heard the sounds of fire from North Korea a few hours after the activists released the leaflets from Yeoncheon, a border county north of Seoul, a Defense Ministry spokesman said.

They later found several bullets that had fallen in a South Korean village and near a military unit.

The bullets were from an anti-aircraft machine gun used by the North Korean Army, he said.

"Our military first broadcast a warning and then fired 40 machine-gun rounds toward a North Korean guard post," said the spokesman, who spoke on the customary condition of anonymity. "We remain vigilant, carefully watching the situation."

The navies of the two Koreas fought bloody skirmishes on their disputed western sea border in 1999, 2002 and 2009. In 2010, North Korea launched an artillery barrage at a South Korean border island, killing two marines and two civilians and prompting South Korea to retaliate with its own artillery attack at North Korean gun positions across the western sea border. On

Tuesday, patrol boats from the two sides exchanged fire there, without hitting each other.

Still, the exchange of fire Friday across the 155-mile-long land border was unusual enough for South

Korean television stations to cut into their regular programs to report the incident as urgent news.

The two armies used to exchange gunfire across the land border during the Cold War, without escalating any of the exchanges into a major skirmish, but such episodes have since become rare.

North Korea has bristled at the periodic release of leaflets, making a repeated threat to direct an artillery attack at South Korean activists who launch the balloons from near the border. The leaflets usually contain Christian messages or criticize the prison gulags and the dynastic rule of the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, who is often caricatured as a pig or a "depraved child" for executing his uncle, Jang Song-thaek, last year.

The leaflets also show data illustrating the growing income gap between the two Koreas. □



North Korean defectors prepare to release a portrait of deceased North Korean defector Hwang Jang-yop by hanging it from balloons carrying leaflets condemning North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and his government's policies, in Paju, near the border with North Korea, South Korea, Friday, Oct. 10, 2014. The activists launched balloons carrying about 200,000 anti-North Korea leaflets over the border on Friday when North Korea marks the 69th anniversary of the founding of the ruling Workers' Party. The letters on the portrait read "Down with Kim Jong Un."

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

Gaza reconstruction shipments to begin next week

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RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

— A senior Palestinian official said Friday that Israel will allow more building materials into Gaza from next week, as part of a U.N.-brokered deal for rebuilding the war-battered territory.

The shipments will start Sunday, said Mohammed Mustafa, deputy prime minister in the Palestinian unity government that is to oversee the Gaza reconstruction efforts.

Palestinian inspectors will be deployed on the Gaza side of the border next week — as early as Sunday — to oversee the imports, Mustafa said in a phone interview.

Israeli defense official Hador Horen said she did not know when such shipments would begin.

The start of the imports would coincide with an international pledging conference in Cairo where the Palestinians will seek \$4 billion for Gaza reconstruction.

Until now, Israel only permitted shipments of building materials for projects supervised by international agencies, but not for Gaza's private sector.

Israel fears the Islamic militant group Hamas will divert shipments for military use, including bunkers and tunnels.

Israel and Hamas fought a 50-day war this summer.

During the fighting, Israel

launched thousands of airstrikes against what it described as Hamas-linked targets and also destroyed more than 30 Hamas attack tunnels under the Gaza-Israel border. Gaza militants fired thousands of rockets and mortars at Israel. More than 2,100 Palestinians were killed, along with 71 Israelis and a Thai worker.

The fighting devastated large areas of Gaza, destroying or damaging more than 60,000 homes and more than 5,000 businesses, according to the Palestinian government and the United Nations.

After the war, the U.N. brokered a deal with Israel and the Palestinian government under which Israel is to al-

low imports of construction materials for the private sector. On the Gaza side, the shipments are to be tracked by U.N. and Palestinian officials.

"We have an agreement with the Israeli side that the Palestinian Authority will deploy its officials on the crossings next week," Mustafa said. "Starting Sunday, construction material will start to enter Gaza."

He said quantities to be imported in the initial test phase would be three times what had been brought into Gaza for U.N. projects in the past.

"The private sector will bring these materials in under the supervision of the Palestinian Authority," he said. □

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How 2 French girls were lured to jihad online

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Associated Press

LEZIGNAN-CORBIERES, France (AP) — On the

day she left for Syria, Sahara strode along the train platform with two bulky schoolbags slung over her shoulder. In a grainy image caught on security camera, the French teen tucks her hair into a headscarf.

Just two months earlier and a two-hour drive away, Nora, also a teen girl, had embarked on a similar journey in similar clothes. Her brother later learned she'd been leaving the house every day in jeans and a pullover, then changing into a full-body veil.

Neither had ever set foot on an airplane. Yet both journeys were planned with the precision of a seasoned traveler and expert in deception, from Sahara's ticket for the March 11 Marseille-Istanbul flight to Nora's secret Facebook account and overnight crash pad in Paris.

Sahra Ali Mehenni and Nora El-Bahty are among some 100 girls and young women from France who have left to join jihad in Syria, up from just a handful 18 months ago, when the trip was not even on Europe's security radar, officials say. They come from all walks of life — first- and second-generation immigrants from Muslim countries, white French backgrounds, even a Jewish girl, according to a security official who spoke anonymously because rules forbid him to discuss open investigations.

These departures are less the whims of adolescents and more the highly organized conclusions of months of legwork by networks that specifically target young people in search of an identity, according



This Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014 photo shows a painting of Mecca in Sahra Ali Mehenni's bedroom at her home in Lezignan Corbieres, France. Sahra is one of the more than 100 girls from France alone who have left to join jihad in Syria, up from just a handful 18 months ago, when the trip was not even on Europe's security radar, officials say.

(AP Photo/ Fred Scheiber)

to families, lawyers and security officials. These mostly online networks recruit girls to serve as wives, babysitters and housekeepers for jihadis, with the aim of planting multi-generational roots for an Islamic caliphate.

While girls are also coming from elsewhere in Europe, including between 20 and 50 from Britain, they pose a particular dilemma for France. The country has long had a troubled relationship with its Muslim community, the largest in Europe, and investigators say its recruitment networks are well developed. A bill in France's parliament would treat those who join jihad abroad as terrorists liable to arrest upon return, despite the pleas of distraught families that their girls are kidnap victims.

Sahra's family has talked to her three times since she left, but her mother, Severine, thinks her communication is scripted by jihadis, possibly from the Islamic State group.

"They are being held against their will," says Severine, a French woman of European descent, who reflexively rolls cigarettes as she talks. "They're forced to say things."

The Ali Mehenni family lives in Lezignan-Corbieres, an ancient French town of about 10,000 typical of the south of France, in a region famed for its red wine. The family moved here from northern France five years ago so the children could be raised in a safer environment. Severine stays with the baby in their middle-class home, complete with red-tiled roof, while Kamel,

an Algerian immigrant and industrial chemist, works at a wine factory.

Sahra, who turns 18 on Saturday, swooned over her baby brother and shared a room with her younger sister. But family relations turned testy when she demanded to wear the full Islamic veil, dropped out of school for six months and shut herself in her room with a computer.

Now she was in a new school, with just two weeks of study behind her. And she seemed to be maturing — she asked her mother to help her get a passport, because she wanted her paperwork as an adult in order.

The week before she left, Sahra casually told her mother she'd bring extra clothing to school to teach her friends to wear

the veil. She repeated the comment to her father on the morning of March 11, when he asked about her bulky bags.

Kamel stifled his anxiety and drove her to the train station at the end of town. He planned to meet her there just before dinner, as he did every night.

At lunchtime, she called her mother. I'm eating with friends, she said.

Surveillance video showed at that moment, Sahra was at the airport in Marseille, preparing to board a flight for Istanbul. Her name was on the passenger manifest. She made one more phone call that day, from the plane, to a Turkish number, her mother said.

By nightfall, she had not returned on her usual train. Nor the next one. Worried, her parents backtracked to the school. Then back to her home station. Then to the police.

It wasn't until the next day that they noticed the missing passport.

That day, police seized the family's tablet, Sahra's computer and a camera.

"Everything was calculated. They did everything so that she could plan to the smallest detail," Severine says. "I never heard her talk about Syria, jihad. It was as though the sky fell on us."

In the surveillance images from the train station and airport, Sahra, who had no money of her own and could barely manage the commuter train without fretting, is alone.

Sahra called three days later from a line that flashed +1111 on the screen.

She spoke briefly with her father, then demanded her older brother.

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Loyal Visitors Honored at the Marriott Surf Club

PALM BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly Visitors of Aruba, at the Marriott Surf Club as Distinguished Visitors. The symbolic honorary titles are presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Peter and Mrs. Irene Simone from North Providence, Rhode Island, Mr. Pat and Mrs. Sandy Diomedes from Glendale, Arizona, and Mr. Paul and Mrs. Debra Provencal from Cranston, Rhode Island. The honorees are loyal members of the Marriott Surf Club and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants, relaxation and being on Aruba and staying at the Surf Club is like being home for them. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ms. Jenny Boekhoudt representing the Marriott Surf Club. □



Running On Empty



Thomas L. Friedman

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I'm sure there are many technical explanations for the recent breakdowns in Secret Service protection that allowed an armed intruder to run right through the front door of the White House and an armed felon to ride on an elevator with President Barack Obama. But I'd also put some blame on the nation's political class.

Just look at Washington these days and listen to what politicians are saying and watch how they spend their time. You can't help but ask: Do these people care a whit about the country anymore? Is there anybody here on a quest for excellence, for making America great?

Yes, yes, I know. They're all here to do "public service." But that is not what it looks like. It actually looks as if they came to Washington to get elected so they could raise more money to get re-elected. That is, until they don't get re-elected. Then, like the former House majority leader, Eric Cantor, they can raise even more money by cashing in their time on Capitol Hill for a job and a multimillion-dollar payday from a Wall Street investment bank they used to regulate.

Getting elected and raising money to get re-elected - instead of governing and compromising in the national interest - seems to be all that too many of our national politicians are interested in anymore. There are exceptions, to be sure, but it feels as if many do not take pride in their work in government.

We're at war in the Middle East, with U.S. military lives on the line, but Congress could not stir itself to return from a pre-election recess to either debate the wisdom of this war or give the president proper legal authorization, let alone take some responsibility. When everyone is so busy running, is it any surprise that no one is running the federal government?

According to PolitiFact, "Wyoming Republican Sen. John Barrasso said, 'This is the earliest Congress has adjourned in over 50 years.' ... Virginia Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine called it 'the second-earliest recess before a midterm since 1960.' Both senators are correct (if you excuse Barrasso's use of adjourn instead of recess). For Barrasso, 'over 50 years,' takes us back to any year up to 1963, or 51 years ago. The record shows that since 1963, Congress often has taken short breaks in September, given lawmakers several weeks in October to campaign in election years, and even closed the books for

the year in October. But an extended break from mid-September to mid-November has not occurred. Kaine's claim is spot on."

What does this have to do with the Secret Service lapses? It certainly doesn't excuse them, but if you're a federal worker today and you look up at the "adults" who are supposed to be supervising you, what do you see? You see too many self-interested, self-indulgent politicians who are only there to grandstand, spend most of their time raising money to win elections and then, when you, as a federal worker, make a mistake, be the first to rush to the microphones with feigned concern to investigate your competence - as long as the cameras are running.

Tell me that doesn't filter down to every department, including the Secret Service. When so many above you are just cynically out for themselves, it saps morale, focus and discipline. If so many above you are just getting theirs, well then, why shouldn't Secret Service agents doing advance work for the president's trip to Colombia in April 2012 take prostitutes back to their rooms and have some fun on D.C.'s dime, too?

Any wonder that Gallup reported Sept. 8 that "only 8 percent of the one-third of all Americans who are following national politics 'very closely' approve of the way Congress is handling its job." As Jon Stewart noted: "Here's how dysfunctional the Secret Service is at this point, Congress had to help them come up with solutions."

I can't put my finger on it exactly, but you feel today in Washington a certain laxness, that anything goes and that too few people working for the federal government take pride in their work because everything is just cobbled together by Congress and the White House at the eleventh hour anyway. It's been years since anyone summoned us for a moonshot, for something great. So just show up and punch the clock. In December 2010, I went to the White House for an interview. I entered through the Secret Service checkpoint on Pennsylvania Avenue. After putting my briefcase through the X-ray machine and collecting it, I grabbed the metal door handle to enter the White House driveway. The handle came off in my hand.

"Oh, it does that sometimes," the Secret Service agent at the door said to me nonchalantly, as I tried to fit the wobbly handle back into the socket.

People who take pride in their work don't just let the handle come off a White House door like that. Again, I'm not excusing the Secret Service, but the recent breakdowns don't surprise me when so much of the political class that oversees the service is so self-absorbed, risk-averse and shortsighted. When the people governing us become this cynical, polarized and dysfunctional, it surely seeps down into the bureaucracy. As above, so below. □



'Moment of Truth' on Emissions



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In March, the Obama administration issued a white paper as part of its Climate Action Plan titled "Strategy to Reduce Methane Emissions." A big part of the strategy was built around cutting down on the methane emissions that result from oil and gas production, particularly the hydraulic fracturing method of extracting natural gas from the ground - aka, fracking. In the white paper, the administration said that the Environmental Protection Agency would decide by the fall how best to go about it.

Fall is now here. More to the point, the word is that the EPA and the White House are in the process of deciding what tack to take in reducing methane emissions (although any announcement will probably have to wait until after the November elections). If the administration takes the right course, methane emissions could likely be reduced by 40 percent or 50 percent over the next five years - enough to make natural gas a genuinely cleaner alternative to coal and a critical component in reducing greenhouse gases. But if it doesn't - if the government decides to back away from regulation, or allow industry to reduce emissions voluntarily - then the promise of natural gas as a cleaner fuel could well go unrealized.

"It's the moment of truth," says Fred Krupp, the president of the

Environmental Defense Fund and a strong proponent of regulating emissions.

Methane emissions, as I've written before, are fracking's Achilles heel. Methane is the primary ingredient in natural gas, and, when it is burned, it is considerably less dirty than coal. The problem is that methane too often leaks at various points in the production and distribution process. And when methane gets into the atmosphere, it is 84 to 86 times more powerful than carbon dioxide over a 20-year span. (After two decades, its potency is greatly reduced.) Not surprisingly, anti-fracking environmentalists have put methane leakage near the top of the list of their reasons that fracking should be banned altogether.

That, to be blunt, is never going to happen. The natural gas boom that has resulted from fracking has become hugely important to the U.S. economy, providing jobs and a plentiful supply of a low-cost fuel. President Barack Obama himself is on record as being pro-natural gas.

It also turns out that lowering methane emissions does not require enormously expensive new technology. It can be done with technology that already exists and at fairly minimal cost. I've seen estimates that it would add a penny to the current price of natural gas. What's more, a 50 percent reduction in methane emissions is the equivalent to closing 90 coal-fired power plants, according to the Environmental Defense Fund. In February, Colorado became the first state to impose regulations on the natural gas industry aimed at reducing methane emissions. The regulations included using valves that don't allow methane to leak, regular checks and repairs of leaks and a variety of other rules. Four of the largest natural gas developers in the state supported the regulations - in part because they saw the public relations value in it, but also because the regulations Colorado imposed made sense.

"What we were looking for were rules that wouldn't just add paperwork or documentation but would make a quantifiable difference," said Doug Hock, a spokesman for the Encana Corp., one of the companies that supported the regulations.

He noted that the company was already using, in Wyoming, a special infrared camera that detects methane leaks - which is now required by Colorado - and "we could see the benefit of the rules." He added, "It really puts a very disciplined process around regular maintenance."

The problem, however, is that while fracking is currently regulated by the states, not every state is rushing to follow Colorado's lead. What's more, there are an enormous number of companies in the fracking business - literally thousands. Fracking practically screams out for federal regulation.

Which brings me back to the White House. Obama has said that he wants to put in place policies that will lower greenhouse gases by 17 percent by the year 2020. To that end, in 2012, he set fuel mileage standards that will increase fuel economy to more than 50 miles per gallon by 2025. More recently, the EPA announced rules that would reduce carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants by 30 percent by the year 2030. The environmentalists I spoke with say that these moves, while significant, won't get the president - or the nation - to that 17 percent goal. But adding methane emission regulation could well get us over the goal line.

Is industry pushing back? Of course. But oil and gas companies should be welcoming sensible regulation. There is so much mistrust of fracking in the country that rules that made the process demonstrably safer could well have the effect of ameliorating some of that mistrust.

Smart regulation to reduce methane emissions could help industry - and help the planet as well. □

Growing Pains at Popular New York Comic Con



Thousands of attendees crowd the floor of the Jacob Javits Convention Center for New York Comic Con, in Manhattan, Oct. 9, 2014. With 151,000 tickets selling out in hours this year — more than the capacity of the Javits — organizers have added a weeklong series of events to help meet expectations.

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NEW YORK - The organizer of New York Comic Con says it has found a way to pack more people into an already packed show.

The event, which celebrates the crossroads of comic books and pop culture, draws such huge crowds that the 151,000 tickets sold out in hours this year, leaving many fans clamoring for a way to immerse themselves in their favorite tales of science-fiction and fantasy. But even as the convention expands, it faces criticism that it has lost its focus.

Ticket sales for conventions like New York Comic Con totaled about \$600 million in the United States last year, according to a study by Eventbrite, an online ticketing and events service. Revenue from ticket sales for the New York convention increased 40 percent this year over 2013, and ReedPop, the convention's organizer, wants it to grow even more.

The problem is that attendance, which was 133,000 last year, has reached the capacity of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, where the convention opened Thursday and will



Costumed girls pose for photos while waiting to catch a subway train to the Jacob Javits Convention Center for New York Comic Con, Oct. 9, 2014. The inclusion of video game, television and movie exhibits has brought a tidal wave of attendees to Comic Con, but comic book fans worry it has drawn attention away from the conventions' original raison d'être.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

run through Sunday. But as the number of conventions and their attendance have surged in recent years, in part because of the popularity of the annual Comic-Con International in San Diego, money can be made by adding events at other sites.

So this year, ReedPop broadened the scope of New York Comic Con, add-

ing a weeklong series of events, called Super Week. "The investment is well north of a million dollars to get this going," Lance Fensterman, the global vice president of ReedPop, said of Super Week. "We were not shy about launching this thing. It's 110 events in 25 venues all over the city." But Fensterman acknowledged that any return on

the investment might not appear for a few years.

"We are not worried about how it will pay off this year, but in five or 10 years," he said, adding that he hoped it would become as well known as other New York events like Fashion Week and Advertising Week. "We want this to be an anchor in the fall."

Some critics complain that the expansion ambitions of such conventions take the focus away from comic books, but industry specialists say the strategy could pay off for the organizers and for businesses that rely on tourism. The city reported in 2011 that the economic impact of the convention was \$50 million, a number that ReedPop says grew to \$70 million last year.

"They are looking at this as

and Entertainment Expo, the Star Wars Celebration in Anaheim, California, the UFC (United Fighting Championship) Fan Expo in Las Vegas and several video game conventions. It has global ambitions as well. ReedPop announced this week that it would sponsor a comic book convention in Paris next year. It already has shows in Australia and India.

"They help us with better vendors for setting up the infrastructure," said Jatin Varma, the founder of Comic Con India and ReedPop's partner there. "They are experts; they know how to move people to these events."

ReedPop is focusing its experience on New York. But the logistics of the cramped, crowded city pose a challenge to the ambitions for more space. But a bigger challenge may come from comic book fans themselves, who complain that the inclusion of movies, television and video games has pulled attention away from comic books and their creators. Some artists say they do not make enough money at conventions to cover their costs.

In an effort to address those complaints, ReedPop started a smaller convention this summer called Special Edition: NYC, to focus solely on comic books. But the diversity of comic book conventions is a reflection of the audience, Griep said. "It's a natural part of expansion: You want to appeal to all parts of fandom," he said.

Others in the comic book industry agreed, saying the growth brings new fans. "The convention scene has exploded and expanded out in so many directions, but at the end of the day, it comes back to the comic book," said Gerry Gladston, chief marketing officer at Midtown Comics, which has been a partner of New York Comic Con since its inception in 2006. "We provide the content for anything that happens at conventions like this." □

a category they think they can grow," said Milton Griep, the founder of ICv2, a website that tracks the industry. "New York is the media capital of the world, and Reed is a good show operator that has been able to build on that." ReedPop has plenty of experience managing pop culture conventions. It runs the Chicago Comic

Amazon Shops New York For Midtown Real Estate

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NEW YORK - Amazon is taking over an entire building on 34th Street across from the Empire State Building, according to construction and real estate executives, raising questions about just what the giant retailer is up to.

The property, at 7 W. 34th St., is 12 stories. The executives said Amazon would use the building for offices and a distribution center. This week, Amazon abruptly pulled out of a deal for a large block of space at 1133 Avenue of the Americas.

The retailer has no brick-and-mortar presence in Manhattan or, for that matter, anywhere else. So the deal ignited intense speculation that perhaps Amazon was going to do something that has been endlessly rumored: open an old-fashioned store. The prospect of a store was first reported by The Wall Street Journal.

But whether there will be an Amazon store anytime



The building where Amazon is reportedly in negotiations to rent space in New York, Oct. 9, 2014. Some are speculating the e-commerce giant may be planning to open a physical store in the building.

(Bryan R. Smith/The New York Times)

soon on 34th Street seems an open question.

The two retail outlets in the building, a Mango and an Express store, recently signed new leases. Juliana Ochoa, store manager at the Mango store, said the retailer had no plans to

move out of its space. "I've never heard of Amazon coming here," she said.

An Amazon spokesman declined to comment. Lisa Vogel, a spokeswoman for Vornado Realty Trust, which owns the building, did not return calls for comment. The building, near Macy's

flagship store at Herald Square, has been undergoing major renovations since December, said Miriam Gonzalez, an employee at an import-export company there.

During the renovations, the front entrance was off-limits to occupants, she said. But

that entrance reopened about two weeks ago, installed with what looked like new metal detectors.

Gonzalez said many tenants had moved out, but other businesses, mostly corporate offices, remained on the upper floors.

An engineer at the building on Thursday said that there was a showroom space at the back of the building, which faces 35th Street, and that it was not in use. The doors and windows to what appeared to be that space looked as if they had been sealed for some time.

A distribution center would come with its own complexities. Companies have been moving their warehouses out of, not into, Manhattan for decades. Perhaps the delivery drones that Amazon says it is working on fit into the secret plans here. That would at least solve the traffic problems.

A stock of inventory in Manhattan could conceivably offer advantages, like same-day delivery of books. □



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Kmart the latest victim of data theft

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NEW YORK (AP) — Sears Holdings Corp. announced late Friday that it detected a data breach at its Kmart stores that started last month and that certain customers' credit and debit card accounts have been hacked.

The data theft at Kmart is the latest in a string of incidents that have hit several big retailers, including Target, Supervalu and Home Depot. For the Hoffman Estates, Illinois-based parent company, however, the breach comes at a time when it's struggling with losses and sales declines as it fights to stay relevant with shoppers.

Sears Holdings, which also operates Sears stores, says that Kmart's information technology department detected on Thursday that its payment data systems

had been breached. But it couldn't provide the number of affected cards. However, it said that it was able to remove the malware. It also noted that based on a forensic investigation to date, no personal information, debit cards, PIN numbers, email address, and social security information were obtained by the hackers. And there's no evidence that Kmart.com shoppers were affected. Sears says Kmart immediately launched a full investigation and is working with a leading security firm. It added that it's also working closely with federal law enforcement authorities and banking partners in this ongoing investigation. Kmart is also implementing further advanced software to protect customers' information.

The company said that it will be providing free

credit monitoring protection for those customers who shopped with a credit or debit card in its Kmart stores during the month of September through Thursday.

It also emphasized that customers have no liability for any unauthorized charges if they report them in a timely manner, according to the policies of most credit card companies. Sears said that the most up-to-date information will be available on its website, kmart.com and customers can contact its customer care center at 888-488-5978.

The announcement comes a few weeks after Home Depot, the nation's largest home improvement chain, said that a data breach that lasted for months at its stores in the U.S. and Canada affected 56 million debit and credit cards. □

'Putin's Tiger' moves into China, prompting diplomatic rush

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BEIJING - Virile, canny and possessed with a boundless appetite for red meat, Kuzya, a 23-month-old Siberian tiger, would seem the perfect mascot for President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, who had a personal hand in reintroducing Kuzya to the wild in the Russian Far East in May.

It turns out Kuzya, like Putin, has territorial ambitions, which this week drew him across the frigid Amur River

that separates Russia and China. His arrival set off a diplomatic incident of sorts when it became clear that "President Putin's Tiger," as one Russian newspaper put it, was facing possible peril on the Chinese side of the border.

On Friday, wildlife officials in China's far northeast were scrambling to ascertain Kuzya's whereabouts after his Russian minders, tracking him by radio transmitter, expressed concern that he could end up in the hands of

poachers - not an unlikely outcome given the steep price a rare Siberian tiger can fetch on the Chinese black market.

Given the increasingly close relations between Moscow and Beijing, united against what both countries see as a growing challenge from the West, it appears Chinese officials are taking no chances with Kuzya's safety.

On Friday, the Foreign Ministry said prodigious efforts were being made to

track and protect the tiger, which swam across the Amur on Tuesday.

"We will make joint efforts with the Russian side to carry out protection of wild Siberian tigers which travel back and forth between China and Russia," Hong Lei, a ministry spokesman, said.

The incident produced inevitable snickers, with some people in China warning that Kuzya might be a spy, and in Russia, that he was

seeking to escape Putin's authoritarian grip. "Putin's Tiger Cub Defects - to China," read the headline in the British tabloid The Daily Mail.

On Thursday, officials with the Luobei County Forestry Bureau in Heilongjiang province said they were installing 60 infrared cameras and dispatching workers to find the illegal traps that local villagers often set to catch an assortment of wildlife.

Gay rights groups cheering new Catholic tone

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Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Gay rights groups are cautiously cheering a shift in tone from the Catholic Church toward homosexuals, encouraged that Pope Francis' famous "Who am I to judge?" position has filtered down to bishops debating family issues at a Vatican meeting this week.

There is no discussion that church doctrine on homosexuality will change or that the Vatican will soon endorse gay marriage or even gay unions. It will not, as the Vatican's top canon lawyer made clear Thursday.

But for the first time, a Vatican meeting is discussing gay and lesbian issues and how to provide better spiritual care to Catholic homosexuals. Day after day, bishops have spoken of the need to change the church's language about gays from words of moral condemnation and judgment to words of welcome

and respect.

"I think what we're seeing is a crack in the ice that we have been waiting for, for

director of New Ways Ministry, a Catholic gay rights group. "It's a sign of a first step."

disordered," sinful and a "serious depravity," and that homosexual inclination is "objectively disordered."



Pope Francis talks to prelates as he arrives for a morning session of a two-week synod on family issues, at the Vatican, Friday, Oct. 10, 2014. Gay rights groups are cautiously cheering a shift in tone from the Catholic Church toward homosexuals, encouraged that Pope Francis' famous "Who am I to judge?" position has filtered down to bishops debating family issues at a Vatican meeting this week.

(AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)

a very long time," said Francis DeBernardo, executive

Church teaching holds that gay acts are "intrinsically

At the same time, it says homosexuals themselves must

be treated with respect and compassion and not suffer discrimination.

"I know scores of people who have left the Catholic Church because of those words," DeBernardo said. Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI penned some of the Vatican's key documents on gays when he headed the Vatican's orthodoxy office; a 1986 letter of his to bishops on providing pastoral care to gays insisted that any church program must clearly state "that homosexual activity is immoral." His 2003 document opposing recognition of same-sex unions made clear that "there are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family."

The Vatican's top canon lawyer, Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio, said Thursday that the Catholic Church would "never" accept gay marriage or even bless a gay union.

British Populist Party wins a seat in parliament

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LONDON - The populist, right-wing U.K. Independence Party scored a striking success early Friday, winning a seat in the British Parliament for the first time, coming close to securing a second and confirming its place as a potent threat to the country's mainstream parties. Opposed to immigration and to British membership in the European

Union, the party, known as UKIP, had already made big gains in European and local elections, often at the expense of the Conservative Party, led by Prime Minister David Cameron. Early on Friday, UKIP went one better; in a by-election in the south of England, the party won - by a large margin from the Conservatives - the House of Commons seat that had long eluded

UKIP. And in a second contest in the north, UKIP ran a close second to the opposition Labour Party.

The House of Commons victory for the U.K. Independence Party, which was once ridiculed by establishment politicians, came in the coastal resort of Clacton-on-Sea, where a by-election was prompted by the defection of the lawmaker Douglas Carswell

from the Conservatives.

Carswell, who had represented Clacton-on-Sea since 2010, was seeking reelection under the banner of the U.K. Independence Party. The results of the vote, which took place on Thursday, were announced early Friday, and Carswell was elected with 21,113 votes with his Conservative rival finishing second with 8,709 votes.

The Labour Party received a scare in a separate by-election in Heywood and Middleton, on the outskirts of Manchester, a constituency Labour would normally expect to win comfortably.

In that contest, caused by the death of a Labour lawmaker, the Labour candidate, Liz McInnes, won by only 617 votes more than the U.K. Independence Party candidate.

Cuban migration surges over land and by sea

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — The number of Cubans heading to the United States has soared since the island lifted travel restrictions last year, and instead of mak-

the journey by air and then land.

The Cuban government is struggling to bolster a dysfunctional centrally planned economy after decades of inefficiency and underinvestment. Recent changes intended

more than 50,000 Cubans were moving to the U.S. every year, leaving behind their homeland of 11 million people.

Many Cubans are using an opportunity offered by Spain in 2008 when it allowed descendants of

without losing residency rights from one year to two. That means migrants now can obtain U.S. residency and still return to Cuba for extended periods, receive government benefits and even invest money earned in the U.S.

Particularly notable is the departure of young and educated people. In the capital, Havana, it seems most every 20- or 30-something has a plan to go sooner rather than later, mostly to the United States. Nearly everyone has a close friend or relative who already has left for the U.S. in the last few years.

Dozens of Cuban migrants show up every week at the Church World Service office in Miami seeking help. Those without relatives in the U.S. are resettled in other parts of the country, where they are connected with jobs, housing and English classes.

Raimel Rosel, 31, said he left his job at a Havana center for pig genetics and breeding when state security agents began questioning him about extra income he earned from private consulting. He flew to Ecuador in August and then traveled north for 30 days to the Mexican border.

"It was really tense," he said, describing the trip as "utterly exhausting."

Another man at the church office said "going by boat is madness."

He and his wife and daughter all had Spanish passports, he said. After selling their home in Matanzas province, outside the capital, for \$8,000, they flew to Mexico City and then Tijuana, where they crossed into the U.S. He declined to provide his name in order to protect relatives in Cuba from repercussions.

Cubans arriving at a U.S. border or airport automatically receive permission to stay in the United States under the 1966 Cuban Adjustment Act, which allows them to apply for permanent residency after a year, almost always successfully. While the number of Florida-bound rafters jumped this year. □



Yennier Martinez Diaz, front, who risked his life on a raft to reach the U.S., prepares to grill meat with fellow rafters Antonio Cardenas, left, Maikel Villavicencio, second from right, and Wilfredo Suarez, right, in Miami, Florida. Martinez Diaz arrived to Florida with 10 others in August after 10 days at sea on a raft made with metal and wood scraps, and an old Russian tractor motor. Martinez said he worked on a farm in Cuba, cutting brush and sugarcane, earning about 300 pesos a week, the equivalent of about \$10 dollars.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

ing the risky journey by raft across the Florida Straits, most are now passing through Mexico or flying straight to the U.S.

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol figures show that more than 22,000 Cubans arrived at the U.S. borders with Mexico and Canada in the fiscal year that ended last month. That was nearly double the number in 2012, the year before restrictions were lifted.

The changes in Cuban law eliminate a costly exit visa and make it easier for Cubans to both leave and return to the island legally. Reform of property laws now allows Cubans to sell homes and vehicles, helping would-be emigrants pull together the cash needed to buy airline tickets. With greater access to cash and legal travel documents, the historic pattern of Cuban migration is shifting from daring dangerous voyages at sea to making

to encourage entrepreneurship have borne little fruit and many people are seeking opportunities elsewhere.

While the number of Cubans trying to reach the United States by sea also grew to nearly 4,000 people this past year, the biggest jump by far came from people entering the U.S. by land. And the Cubans flying to Latin America or straight to the United States generally belong to the more prosperous and well-connected strata of society, accelerating the drain of the island's highly educated.

U.S. officials say that before the recent surge, more than 20,000 Cubans formally migrated to the U.S. every year using visas issued by the U.S. government, while several thousand more entered on tourist visas and stayed. Adding in migrants who entered informally, U.S. officials believe

those exiled during the Spanish Civil War to reclaim Spanish citizenship. A Spanish passport allows visa-free travel to the U.S., Europe and Latin America.

The number of Cubans holding a Spanish passport tripled between 2009 and 2011, when it hit 108,000. Many of those Cubans fly to Mexico or the U.S. on their Spanish passports, then present their Cuban passports to U.S. officials. Thousands of other travelers make their first stop in Ecuador, which dropped a visa requirement for all tourists in 2008. The number of Cubans heading to Ecuador hit 18,078 a year by 2012, the latest year for which statistics are available. From there, many hopscotch north by plane, train, boat or bus through Colombia, Central America and Mexico.

The government last year extended the length of time Cubans can be gone

CARIBBEAN News Briefs

Turks and Caicos trains divers to monitor its reefs

PROVIDENCIALES, Turks and Caicos Islands (AP)

— The government of the Turks and Caicos Islands has trained professional and recreational scuba divers to help monitor the health of coral reefs around the British territory. Nearly two dozen divers are expected to collect information from different sites every three to four months. A government statement this week says the divers will submit data to the island's Department of Environment and Maritime Affairs. Coral reefs remain a source of revenue for many tourism-dependent islands in the region even though their numbers have declined more than 50 percent since the 1970s. Experts blame climate change as well as a drop in the populations of parrotfish and sea urchins.

Fire scorches Jamaica airport; no injuries: AP

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Officials say a Jamaican airport was briefly evacuated because of a fire that delayed departing flights. Nobody has been hurt. The fire broke out this week in an electrical room at Sangster International Airport in the northern tourist city of Montego Bay. Dozens of passengers were led out of the terminal. It is the airport most used by tourists who fly to the Caribbean island. Fire investigators say they are investigating the cause of the blaze, which was extinguished quickly. Some departing flights were briefly delayed, but the airport remained open and incoming flights were not affected. It's the second fire at the Montego Bay airport this year. In May, a bigger blaze destroyed parts of an airport building housing the crew room. No one was injured in that fire either. □



ISA National Honor Society Induction Ceremony a Success!

ORANJESTAD - The International School of Aruba held the annual induction ceremony for the National Honor Society (NHS) and the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) on October 2. The National Honor Society (<http://www.nhs.us/>) was founded in 1921 to promote and recognize secondary student achievement in four areas



- Scholarship, Character, Service and Leadership. ISA sponsors this activity because the NHS program provides guidance for students to reach the school Mission of motivating each individual to achieve his/her academic and person-

al best. To qualify for membership students must have a cumulative 3.0 grade point average, exhibit leadership, perform ongoing community service, and exhibit a strong character of integrity. Membership is both an honor and a

or Society are students who show the potential to reach the NHS ideals, and show a desire for growth. Students in grades 10-12 inducted in the National Honor Society itself, have fully exhibited the qualities required. In the ceremony, students light candles to show the light of the qualities they strive to embody. We are proud of the new members of the ISA National Honor Society: Nicole Alvarez, Maura Baroud, Marta Boset, Nicole Galdo,



commitment. Recent projects of the International School of Aruba NHS group include after-school support for students at the local YMCA every Monday afternoon, volunteering for Rotary events, supporting Breast Cancer Awareness month, bringing music and conversation to the Maristella home for the elderly, and other community service activities. Students in grades 6-9 inducted in the Junior Hon-

Dylan Guest, Guillermo Landa, Pavan Sawilani and Federika Sydow. The existing members of the NHS are: Melissa Salamo, Antoanet Moussali, Kunal Nathani, and Jonah Julao, with co-Presidents Oriella Mansur and Aditya Gupta. We are looking forward to seeing the NJHS students grow into their potential of being qualified for induction into the NHS, and congratulate all those who made it this year.



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"We are truly honored to be recognized as "Best Hotel" by Thomas Cook Northern Europe as it results directly from our valued guests," said owner of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts Ewald Biemans. "For 25 years our goal has been to offer guests a memo-

orable experience throughout their stay, and we believe that an honor such as this is a direct reflection of this commitment and our staff's genuine hospitality." As Aruba's only boutique-style resort that caters exclusively to adults, Bucuti has long been recognized by travelers worldwide, achieving a number of awards. Most recently Bucuti was rated by AAA as a Four Diamond Hotel, ranking among 5.3 percent of more than 29,000 hotels Approved by AAA. The rating indicated that Bucuti is "refined and stylish with upscale physical attributes that reflect enhanced quality." Additionally, the 2014 TripAdvisor's Traveler's Choice hotel awards honored Bucuti among Top 25 Hotels for Romance in the Caribbean. TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice winners are based on millions of valuable reviews and opinions from travelers around

the world. The resort has also received more than two dozen environmental awards and certifications, including the Highest Achievement Award as the top performing sustainable travel and tourism business in the Caribbean by Green Globe Certification.

For more information about Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts, please visit: www.bucuti.com.

About Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts: Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts is Aruba's premier boutique resort for couples. The award winning, owner managed resort caters to adults only and has earned a number of awards and honors. The resort was named one of the top 25 hotels in the Caribbean and one of the most romantic hotels in the Caribbean by Trip Advisor, in addition to appearing on Condé Nast Traveler's prestigious Gold List, recognizing the world's best



places to stay.

Located on the white-powder sands of Eagle Beach, designated as one of the "Dream Beaches of the World," Bucuti offers 104 guestrooms, suites and penthouse suites; a freshwater infinity pool; a Day Spa, among other amenities. Bucuti is also recognized as a Five Star Diamond Resort by the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences.

The resort, which is certified Green Globe 21, ISO 14001 and ISO 9001, is a leader in sustainable tourism throughout the world and

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Andrea Kinchen from New Castle, Delaware.

The honorees are loyal members of the Casa Del Mar Beach Resort, and they love Aruba very much, because of the great extremely friendly people, the climate, beaches, res-



taurants and Aruba is paradise for them. Rudolph and Dora are celebrated their 55th Anniversary in Aruba on October 10, 2014: The Aruba Tourism Authority congratulates them and wishes many more Happy

Anniversaries!

The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ms. Comla representing the Casa Del Mar Beach Resort.



Shanghai Masters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia acknowledges the crowd after defeating David Ferrer of Spain during their men's singles quarterfinal match of Shanghai Masters Tennis Tournament in Shanghai, China, Friday, Oct. 10, 2014.

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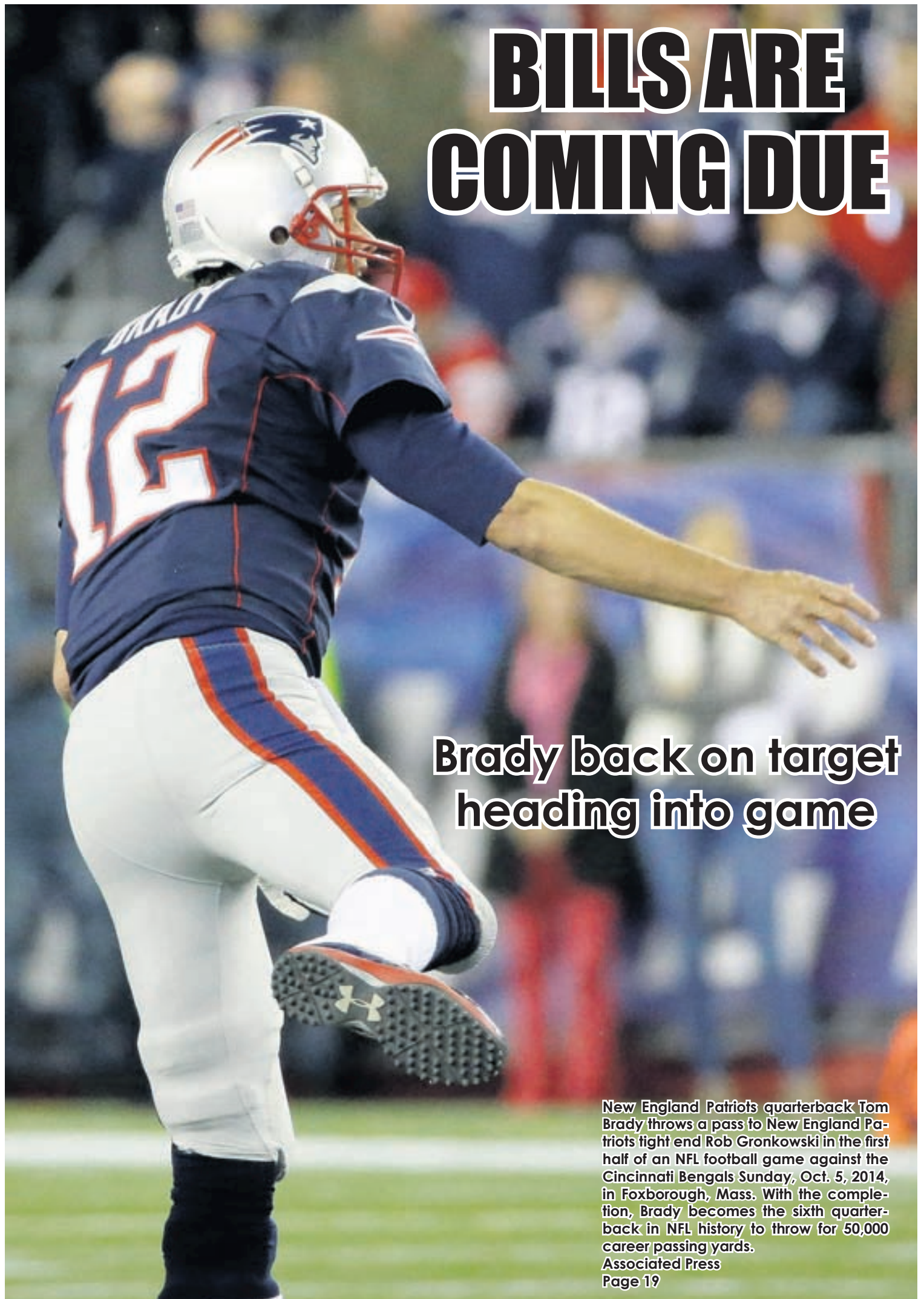
Djokovic, Federer set up Shanghai Open semis

JUSTIN BERGMAN
Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer set up a rematch of their Wimbledon final with convincing straight-set wins to reach the semifinals of the Shanghai Masters on Friday. The top-ranked Djokovic defeated David Ferrer 6-4, 6-2 to extend his winning streak in China to 28 matches, while Federer played a nearly flawless second set to beat Julien Benneteau of France 7-6 (4), 6-0. It will be the 36th meeting in their rivalry, which has been remarkably close, with Federer taking 18 of their matches and Djokovic 17. The players have split their four matches this year, though Djokovic earned the far biggest prize with his second Wimbledon trophy in July.

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BILLS ARE COMING DUE



Brady back on target heading into game

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws a pass to New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski in the first half of an NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Foxborough, Mass. With the completion, Brady becomes the sixth quarterback in NFL history to throw for 50,000 career passing yards.
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Shanghai open

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"There is no clear favorite," Djokovic said. "Every time we play against each other, it's a thriller."

The Serb would seem to have a slight advantage given his recent dominance in China, where he hasn't lost since a semifinal defeat to Federer in Shanghai in 2010. Since then, he's captured the China Open three times, and the Shanghai Masters twice.

But Djokovic doesn't believe the court — or his sizeable contingent of Serbian-flag-waving Chinese fans — will give him an edge.

"Well, it's not like he didn't have a lot of success anywhere he went, including China," he said. "He knows how to play here. He has also big support."

Djokovic played much better on Friday than he did in the previous round,



Roger Federer of Switzerland returns a shot against Julien Benneteau of France during their men's singles quarterfinal match of Shanghai Masters Tennis Tournament in Shanghai, China, Friday, Oct. 10, 2014.

Associated Press

when he struggled to put away big-hitting Mikhail Kukushkin.

He was tested just once against the fifth-seeded Ferrer, while serving for the first set at 5-4. The Spaniard played remarkable defense to fight off three set points, then held two break points for 5-all. He failed to convert either, though, and Djokovic finally ended the

tiring, 13-minute game with a drop shot followed by a volley into the open court. Federer, too, played his most solid match of the week against Benneteau. He had 34 winners to only 13 unforced errors, and won nearly all of the points on his first serve (34 of 37). The Swiss star, who will overtake Rafael Nadal to return to No. 2 in the rankings next

week, said he has faced Djokovic so many times now, there were no secrets to each other's games.

"We'll see how much he can actually do, how much he can neutralize me, and how much I can do with him," he said. "But he's playing a great season again. I'll give it the best shot I have. I have a good game at the moment."

The other semifinal will feature two veterans playing some of their best tennis — Gilles Simon and Feliciano Lopez.

Lopez, who knocked out an ailing Rafael Nadal in the second round, defeated Mikhail Youzhny 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 in the quarterfinals.

At 33, the Spaniard is having a resurgent year, winning his fourth career title at Eastbourne and rising to No. 16 in the rankings, one off his career high. He's also a three-time semifinalist in Shanghai, though he's never advanced to the final.

Simon upset sixth-seeded Tomas Berdych 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-0. It was his second top-10 win of the week after beating fourth-seeded Stan Wawrinka in the second round.

Asked the last time he managed to do that, he said, "I don't know. You tell me. Maybe never."

Lopez has won two of their three previous meetings, though both matches were on grass.

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NFL Preview

Who owns the Bills: The Patriots, of course

The Associated Press

Even though the Pegulas just bought the Buffalo Bills, everyone knows who really owns them: The New England Patriots.

New England has won 20 of the past 21 matchups, and when it journeys to Buffalo on Sunday, it will face a festive atmosphere. Buffalo folk have been busy celebrating the \$1.4 billion sale of the NFL franchise to Terry and Kim Pegula, who also own the NHL's Sabres. The Pegulas are keeping the team in the area.

"It would be big for them being their first game as new owners, but it would be better for us," Bills running back Fred Jackson said. "If we don't handle business, we'll all feel rather sour."

Buffalo is off to a better-than-expected start, and riding momentum following a come-from-behind 17-14 win at Detroit.

There are questions about whether New England's decade-plus run of divisional dominance is showing signs of decay. The Patriots were blown out 41-14 at Kansas City two weeks ago before rebounding with a 43-17 win over Cincinnati. Which are the real Patriots?

"We're really past that now," coach Bill Belichick said. "I don't think that has anything to do with this week."

What the Dallas Cowboys have done, to win four suc-



Buffalo Bills tackle Seantrel Henderson (66) celebrates as he watches a 58-yard game-winning field goal in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Detroit Lions Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Detroit. The Bills defeated the Lions 17-14.

cessive games, especially with a banged-up defense minus any star players, has been impressive. Beating the defending Super Bowl champs in Seattle would be stupendous — and stamp Dallas as a surprise title contender.

The Cowboys have defied expectations thanks to the running of DeMarco Murray, just the third running back in league history —

and first since OJ Simpson in 1975 — to start the season with five straight 100-yard games.

A sixth against the Seahawks' stingy and physical defense that leads the NFL in stopping the run would be another huge achievement.

Seattle is coming off a short week following a 27-17 win on Monday night in Washington thanks to the wizard-

ry of Russell Wilson. It's now accepted that Wilson is going to pull off a trick or two, but his big night could have been part of a blowout win if not for Seattle's penalty issues.

The New York Giants are at Philadelphia in the prime-time matchup late Sunday. After dropping their first two games, the Giants stopped being so generous turning over the ball, and began

grasping the offense new coordinator Ben McAdoo brought from Green Bay. This is the first of six successive games against teams with winning records for New York.

This is also Eli Month: Giants quarterback Manning is 30-7 in October.

The Eagles have been dynamic on special teams, with four touchdowns, and also have three defensive touchdowns.

Elsewhere on Sunday, it's Denver at the New York Jets, San Diego at Oakland, Green Bay at Miami, Carolina at Cincinnati, Baltimore at Tampa Bay, Pittsburgh at Cleveland, Washington at Arizona, Chicago at Atlanta, Detroit at Minnesota, and Jacksonville at Tennessee.

On Monday, San Francisco is at St. Louis.

The action began on Thursday with Indianapolis taking sole possession of first place in the AFC South by beating Houston 33-28. The Colts won their fourth straight by building a 24-0 lead and holding on.

Colts passer Andrew Luck threw for 370 yards and three touchdowns, with TY Hilton making nine receptions for 223 yards with one touchdown. That was enough to beat Houston, even though defensive end JJ Watt scored his third touchdown of the season, returning a fumble 45 yards.

Canadian Soccer: Turf lawsuit without merit

TORONTO (AP) — The Canadian Soccer Association opposes a request for an expedited hearing on whether using artificial turf in the 2015 Women's World Cup discriminates against women.

A group of elite female players filed a complaint last week with the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, asking for an expedited hearing. The CSA, which doubles as national organizing committee of the tournament, and FIFA were given until Thursday to re-

spond to the request to expedite the hearing.

"The Canadian Soccer Association is prepared to vigorously defend its position and believes the complaint is entirely without merit," the CSA said in its response, released Friday. "It should not however have to do so in an expedited process."

The CSA argues that FIFA-approved artificial turf is sanctioned for tournament play, noting the world governing body of soccer "does not distinguish between male and female

players in the application of those standards."

The CSA says it will show there is "no proven increased risk" to players from the use of turf over grass, as supported by independent studies. And it suggests that artificial turf is needed in Canada "as a result of its climate and culture." The lawyer for the female players expressed disappointment at the CSA submission while noting that FIFA — "amazingly and in defiance of the court's directive" — did not

respond at all. "Sadly, the Canadian Soccer Association continues to spend time and money on lawyers and procedural delay tactics in a frantic effort to avoid a final court ruling," lawyer Hampton Dellinger said in a statement. "Instead, CSA and FIFA should be cooperating with the 2015 World Cup's most important asset — the world's best players — and paying to provide natural grass fields rather than the plastic pitches that even the most casual fan knows have no

place at soccer's premier tournament." "Here's the heart of the matter: what CSA calls the 'best available' fields are so bad that CSA decided that the Canadian men's national team — one of international football's weakest sides — would not have to play a mere World Cup qualifying match on them. And these 'best available' fields are so bad that they would not have had a chance at hosting any prior men's World Cup or any future one for years to come."

Colts hold on for 33-28 win over Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Indianapolis raced to a 24-0 lead after one quarter and held on against a fast-finishing Houston, beating the Texans 33-28 in Thursday's NFL game.

The Texans were driving with less than five minutes remaining when Andre Johnson caught a 13-yard pass but then fumbled.

On Houston's final drive, quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick was sacked by Bjoern Werner, who stripped the ball and D'Qwell Jackson recovered to snuff out the Texans' last chance.

Colts quarterback Andrew Luck finished with 370 yards passing and three touchdowns, while T.Y. Hilton had a career-high 223 yards receiving with a touchdown as Indianapolis took over first place in the AFC South division.

For Houston, Fitzpatrick threw for 212 yards and a touchdown and Arian Fos-



Indianapolis Colts' Andrew Luck (12) throws as Houston Texans' J.J. Watt (99) pressures him during the first quarter of an NFL football game, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, in Houston.

Associated Press

ter had 109 yards rushing with two scores.

After an early field goal by the Colts, their first touchdown came on a two-play drive which was instigated by Luck's 49-yard pass to Hilton, who fell but got up and continued into the endzone.

It was initially ruled a touchdown but a review found

Hilton was touched when he was down at the 5-yard line. It was only a temporary setback, as the Colts immediately scored the touchdown as Trent Richardson ran in from the 5.

The Colts pushed the lead to 17-0 when Ahmad Bradshaw scored on a 5-yard pass from Luck with about seven minutes left in the first

quarter.

Luck capped a long drive with a 4-yard touchdown pass to Coby Fleener at the end of the first quarter to extend the lead to 24-0.

After a dreadful first quarter where Houston managed just 2 yards, the Texans' offense finally got going in the second. They kicked a field goal on fourth-and-5, but a penalty gave Houston a new set of downs.

They took advantage of the opportunity when, two plays later, Fitzpatrick found Johnson in the corner of the end zone and he managed to get both feet in bounds for a 4-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 24-7.

Houston got the ball back when Jared Crick tipped a pass by Luck that was intercepted by Justin Tuggle and the Texans closed to 24-14 when Foster scored on a 12-yard run.

The Colts added a field

goal to make it 27-14.

In the third quarter, Houston's Foster had a 34-yard run before Johnson grabbed a 26-yard reception to get the Texans to the 2-yard line. Foster ran wide before cutting back inside and into the end zone untouched on the next play to make it Indianapolis 27, Houston 21.

The home team had the momentum but the Colts managed to pad their diminishing lead when Luck, who was under heavy pressure,

threw a 33-yard touchdown pass to Hilton. The 2-point conversion failed, leaving Indianapolis up 33-21.

The Texans cut the deficit to five points early in the fourth quarter when Luck fumbled and Watt recovered it and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown, but that was as close as Houston could get. □

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Wilson smart and safe as a running quarterback

TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

RENTON, Washington (AP)

— Every so often, even though he's proven that when angry NFL defenders are trying to chase him down he will make the smart decision, Russell Wilson will get a little reminder in his ear.

Often it's coach Pete Carroll with yet another word of caution for Wilson: If the Seattle Seahawks quarterback is going to run, be wise, not careless.

"He gets it; the competitor in him needs to be reminded every once and a while but I usually get a really good response," Carroll said. "He knows and acknowledges that he's going to try and get out of harm's way every chance he gets."

Wilson's ability to get out of the pocket and run will always be part of what he brings to the position, and has helped to separate him from his peers in just his third season.

But the reality about Wilson is he's not a running quarterback. Wilson is a scrambler, almost always running so he can try to get the ball to his receivers. Sometimes Wilson decides the best option is to tuck the ball, pick up as many yards as he can and find safety, whether that's sliding or getting out of bounds.

Such was the case on Monday, when Wilson took advantage of Washington not respecting his running ability. The result was 122 yards rushing, some of the yards coming by design, but many being improvised.

"I try to slow it down as much as I can. I try to be very clear-minded and keep my eyes down field. I trust what I see and if it's not there just salvage the play," Wilson said. "That's something I learned at a young age. My dad used to always tell me when I was younger to just salvage the play, move onto the next play."

Wilson's past two games were a clinic in the balance between his threat of running and being a



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (3) escapes the grasp of Washington Redskins strong safety Bashaud Breeland (26) during the first half of an NFL football game in Landover, Md., Monday, Oct. 6, 2014.

Associated Press

traditional pocket passer. When Seattle beat Denver 26-20 in overtime on Sept. 20, Wilson decided during the extra session that he wasn't going to give Peyton Manning another possession. That meant running. Twice Wilson converted third downs with scramble runs, leading to Marshawn Lynch's game-winning touchdown.

"I knew that I had to fight for it. Sometimes in a game, you have to pick and choose, when to stay

in there a little bit longer, when to throw it, and when to slide," Wilson said after the win. "And that's not one of those times, I don't believe. I'm usually pretty smart on getting down and running out of bounds or whatever, but when the game is on the line and you have Peyton Manning over there on the other side, you know you have to make some plays."

Against Washington, Wilson and the Seahawks ran by design early in the game,

a nod to late in his rookie season, when Seattle first introduced the zone-read as part of its offense. Two of his first four carries were designed keepers, but of his 11 total carries, six were pass plays where Wilson tucked and ran.

"He's smarter and more aware of everything that we ask of him now, and he will continue to get better," Carroll said. Wilson has managed to keep his running as part of Seattle's game plan without expos-

ing himself to injury. Wilson is not a long-strider like San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick. He doesn't have the size to run with the brute force and speed of Carolina's Cam Newton. And Wilson certainly doesn't have the speed or elusiveness of Washington's Robert Griffin III as a runner.

Since the start of the 2012 season, Wilson has the third-most rushing attempts and fourth-most yards rushing of any quarterback in the NFL. He's tied with Griffin for the second-most runs that have gone for first downs with 66, both trailing far behind Newton's 97. But Wilson has an understanding of situation. More than half of his yards and first-down runs have come in the second half and overtime. Usually when Wilson gets out of the pocket, he wants the ball out of his hands. The team has acknowledged it wants to be the "best scrambling team" in the NFL. Receivers have spots they'll try to reach when the play breaks down and keep an eye on whether Wilson's about to throw their way or if it's time to block.

"Scramble rules just kind of develop when he gets out of the pocket," Seattle receiver Doug Baldwin said. □

Martin Laird takes the lead at Silverado



Martin Laird of Scotland hits from the 16th fairway of the Silverado Resort North Course during the second round of the Frys.com PGA Tour golf tournament Friday, Oct. 10, 2014, in Napa, Calif.

Associated Press

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NAPA, California (AP)

— Martin Laird wasn't sure what to expect out of his game after a seven-week

break. He hasn't found too much wrong after two rounds of the Frys.com Open.

Laird bounced back from his first bogey of the new

PGA Tour season by running off four straight birdies around the turn. One last birdie on the par-5 18th at Silverado gave him a second straight 5-under 67 and a one-shot lead over Bae Sang-moon among the early starters Friday.

The Ryder Cup trio of Hunter Mahan, Matt Kuchar and Jimmy Walker played in the afternoon. Lee Westwood of England shot a 69 to at least avoid missing the cut, though he was eight shots behind.

Laird was at 10-under 134. He made a sloppy bogey on the sixth hole with a poor tee shot into the bunker, hitting into another bunker some 80 feet from the flag and missing an 8-foot putt. He had to scramble for par

on the next hole, and then he took off.

After a pair of short birdie putts, Laird rolled in a birdie from 20 feet on No. 10, and then made another birdie putt from the same range up the ridge toward a tucked pin on the par-3 11th. Bae made all three of his birdies on the par 5s and was at 135.

Brooks Koepka, an impressive figure with his power, couldn't take advantage on the par 5s and had to settle for a 70. He was four shots behind Laird going into the weekend. Koepka was the 54-hole lead at the Frys.com Open a year ago, which set the tone for him to earn his PGA Tour card. Koepka played last year on the European Tour. □

Penguins dominate Ducks 6-4 in Johnston's debut

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — NHL MVP Sidney Crosby scored twice and added an assist as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Anaheim Ducks 6-4 Thursday night in the season opener for both teams.

Pascal Dupuis added a goal and three assists in his return from knee surgery for the Penguins, who rolled to victory in new coach Mike Johnston's debut. Patrick Hornqvist, Blake Comeau and Brandon Sutter also scored for Pittsburgh. Marc-Andre Fleury made 25 saves.

Corey Perry had a hat trick for the Ducks, who collapsed after erasing an early three-goal deficit. Ryan Kesler added a goal in his debut with Anaheim. John Gibson struggled while making his first start in his hometown, stopping 33 of 39 shots.

The Penguins underwent a massive overhaul following a fifth straight spring that ended without a trip to the Stanley Cup Finals. Pittsburgh fired coach Dan Bylsma and general manager Ray Shero and brought in former Carolina Hurricanes executive Jim Rutherford, who hired the well-traveled Johnston.

RANGERS 3, BLUES 2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rick Nash had two goals and an assist, including the tiebreaking score late in the third period, and New York beat St. Louis in the first game of the season for both teams. Chris Kreider had a goal and an assist for the Eastern Conference champions, and Henrik Lundqvist made 23 saves.

Jaden Schwartz led the Blues with a goal and an assist. Paul Stastny also scored, and Brian Elliott stopped 22 shots.

After a fortunate carom off the glass, Nash scored the go-ahead goal with 1:50 remaining off a behind-the-back pass from Martin St. Louis in front of the net. Rangers newcomer Dan Boyle broke his hand while blocking a shot. The veteran defenseman is expected to miss four to six weeks. **BLACKHAWKS 3, STARS 2,**



Philadelphia Flyers' Wayne Simmonds, right, celebrates with teammate Claude Giroux after scoring his second goal of the second period with only seconds left on the clock during an NHL hockey game against the New Jersey Devils, Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

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DALLAS (AP) — Patrick Sharp scored the tying goal in the third period, and Patrick Kane had the only goal in the shootout to lift Chicago over Dallas.

The Stars had turned away several good scoring chances for the high-scoring duo of Kane and Jonathan Toews before Sharp, who had 10 points in five games against Dallas last season, beat Kari Lehtonen 11:10 into the third.

Corey Crawford made 32 saves and stopped Dallas tries from Tyler Seguin and newcomers Jason Spezza and Ales Hemsky in the shootout.

Spezza and Hemsky assisted on a tying goal by Trevor Daley. Cody Eakin gave the Stars a 2-1 lead. Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith, coming off his second Norris Trophy, opened the scoring.

RED WINGS 2, BRUINS 1

DETROIT (AP) — Gustav Nyquist's power-play goal in the second period lifted Detroit over Boston in the Red Wings' season opener. Justin Abdelkader also scored for Detroit, which lost to the Bruins in the first round of last season's playoffs. Patrice Bergeron scored Boston's only goal in this one.

Jimmy Howard made 16

saves for the Red Wings. Detroit was without star forward Pavel Datsyuk, recovering from a separated shoulder.

Tuukka Rask made 22 saves for the Bruins.

WILD 5, AVALANCHE 0

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Zach Parise scored one of Minnesota's four goals in the second period and assisted on two others, helping the Wild overwhelm Semyon Varlamov and Colorado in the season opener.

Jason Pominville scored in the first period on one of Mikael Granlund's two assists and helped set up a goal by Jared Spurgeon in the second. Nino Niederreiter and Ryan Suter scored, too.

Varlamov, who gave up five goals on 38 shots, was replaced by Reto Berra for the third period.

The Wild finished with 48 shots on goal, setting a team record for the 14-year-old franchise. They had 47 in a loss at Colorado on Dec. 21, 2002.

Darcy Kuemper made 16 saves for the Wild in his fourth career shutout, including one in the playoffs last spring against the Avalanche.

Minnesota improved to 12-0-2 in home openers.

DEVILS 6, FLYERS 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) —

Dainus Zubrus scored the go-ahead goal in the third period and Michael Cammalleri had two goals to lead New Jersey over Philadelphia.

Michael Ryder, Adam Henrique and Patrick Elias also scored for the Devils.

Claude Giroux had a goal and Wayne Simmonds scored twice to help the Flyers rally from a three-goal deficit. Vincent Lecavalier also scored for the Flyers, who lost 2-1 in their season opener Wednesday night against Boston.

Cory Schneider won his first game in goal since taking over full-time for Martin Brodeur and signing a \$42 million, seven-year contract last summer.

PREDATORS 3, SENATORS 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Craig Smith, Shea Weber and Eric Nystrom all scored in the third period, and Nashville beat Ottawa to give coach Peter Laviolette a win in his Predators debut.

Smith tied it at 1 with his goal 1:36 into the third. Weber, a three-time Norris Trophy finalist, skated around the net before flipping a backhand over a diving Craig Anderson for the lead. Nystrom scored at 10:20.

Filip Forsberg and Paul Gaustad each had two as-

sists. Pekka Rinne made 18 saves for Nashville.

Kyle Turris and Alex Chiosson scored for Ottawa. Anderson stopped 34 shots.

BLUE JACKETS 3, SABRES 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Cam Atkinson scored the tiebreaking goal on a third-period power play, and Columbus beat Buffalo in the season opener for both teams.

Artem Anisimov and Jack Skille also scored for the Blue Jackets, who got 21 saves from Sergei Bobrovsky. Atkinson snapped a 1-all tie with 7:15 remaining.

Zemgus Girgensons scored for Buffalo, and Jhonas Enroth made 37 saves.

CANADIENS 2, CAPITALS 1, SO

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tomas Plekanec scored his third goal of the young season, and Montreal recovered from a slow start for a 2-1 shootout win over Washington and new coach Barry Trotz.

Brendan Gallagher scored the decisive goal in the fifth round of the shootout, which did not feature Capitals star and three-time NHL MVP Alex Ovechkin until the fourth round.

Dustin Tokarski made 29 saves for the Canadiens, getting the start after Carey Price worked the 4-3 win over Toronto on Wednesday.

The Canadiens let the Capitals have the first 14 shots and trailed 1-0 early, but Montreal pinned Washington on its heels in the third period with one goal that counted and two that didn't.

Nineteen-year-old rookie Andre Burakovsky, the Capitals' latest experiment at second-line center, scored his first NHL goal in the first period.

LIGHTNING 3, PANTHERS 2, OT

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Victor Hedman scored a power-play goal 1:11 into overtime and Tampa Bay beat Florida in their season opener.

Hedman took a pass from goalie Ben Bishop at the offensive blue line, skated in and beat Roberto Luongo

Poland to honor Wikipedia with monument

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A university professor says that a western Polish town is taking up his suggestion and will put up a monument to honor the authors of Wikipedia, the Internet encyclopedia which allows anyone to contribute.

Krzysztof Wojciechowski, director of the Collegium Polonicum in Slubice, said Thursday that he is in awe of the huge and reliable job done by Wikipedia, vastly popular in Poland. More than 1 million entries in Wikipedia are in Polish, rivaling the number in French or Spanish.

"I'm ready to drop to my knees before Wikipedia, that's why I thought of a monument where I could do it," Wojciechowski told The Associated Press.

The 47,000 zlotys (\$14,000; 11,000 euros) fiber and resin statue is funded by Slubice authorities and will be unveiled Oct. 22.



In this image made available from Krzysztof Wojciechowski of the Collegium Polonicum in Slubice, Poland, a model statue which has been put forward by university professor Krzysztof Wojciechowski as a monument tribute to honor the authors of the online Internet encyclopedia site Wikipedia, which will be unveiled in the western Polish town of Slubice, it is announced Thursday Oct. 9, 2014.

Associated Press

Obama: 'Unequivocally committed' to net neutrality



President Barack Obama tours Cross Campus, a collaborative space that brings together freelancers, creative professionals, entrepreneurs and startup teams, on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, in Santa Monica, Calif. Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, California (AP) — President Barack Obama says he is "unequivocally committed" to keeping the Internet free and open, a concept known as "net neutrality."

Net neutrality is the idea that Internet service providers shouldn't block, manipulate or slow data moving across their networks.

Obama credits net neutrality with unleashing the power of the Internet. He says he doesn't want to lose that power or "clog up the pipes."

The Federal Communications Commission is working on new rules to govern the transmission of Internet content.

Tesla's 'D' adds all-wheel drive, safety features



Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla Motors Inc., announces its new car Tesla "D" in Hawthorne, Calif., Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014.

Associated Press

JUSTIN PRITCHARD Associated Press HAWTHORNE, California (AP) — Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk unveiled a new version of the luxury electric car maker's Model S sedan that includes all-wheel drive and self-driving "auto pilot" features.

The open-to-the-public event Thursday night included free alcohol and test rides on an airport tarmac.

With more than 1,000 Tesla fans in the audience, Musk explained that the current Model S is a rear-wheel-drive car with one motor, but a new version will have two motors — one powering the front wheels and one powering the rear wheels.

All-wheel drive helps grip slippery roads and is standard on many luxury sedans. Analysts have said Tesla needed it to boost sales in the Northeast and Midwest, as well as Europe. The company sold 13,850 cars in the U.S. this year through September, down 3 percent from a year ago, according to Autodata Corp.

Unlike all-wheel-drive sys-

tems on gas-powered cars, Tesla's system improves speed, acceleration and mileage by optimizing which motor is used, Musk said.

The dual motor version of the P85 performance sedan will have a top speed of 155 mph (250 kph), compared with the current 130 mph. It will accelerate from 0 to 60 mph (96 kph) in 3.2 seconds, akin to exotic sports cars.

"This car is nuts. It's like taking off from a carrier deck," Musk said at the municipal airport near Los Angeles where another of Musk's companies — the commercial rocket firm SpaceX — is based. The crowd obliged with cheers and applause. Tesla is also significantly upgrading its safety features through a combination of radar, image-recognition cameras and sonar.

The Model S will right itself if it wanders from its lane and brake automatically if it is about to hit something. Those features are offered on luxury competitors, as well as mainstream brands such as Ford, Hyundai and Toyota.

But Tesla is going a step

further. Its new system will move the car over a lane when the driver uses the turn signal. It will also use cameras to read speed limit signs and decelerate accordingly. Volvo has a system that reads signs and alerts drivers if they are over the limit but does not change the speed.

Musk said "auto pilot" does not mean the car could drive itself — as he put it, a driver cannot "safely fall asleep."

Pulling together all the driver-assist features impressed Brian A. Johnson, an analyst with Barclay's. "It's a year ahead of the timeframe I was expecting," he said.

Raj Rajkumar, a pioneer of self-driving cars with Carnegie Mellon University, also was impressed but wondered how the "auto-pilot" would perform in different weather and road conditions.

The dual motor will be a \$4,000 option on the base and mid-range Model S, which start at \$71,000. The base price of the P85 with all-wheel drive — which will be known as P85D — is \$120,000.

Wall Street closes out worst week since May 2012

ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

Investors avoided another roller coaster day on Wall Street Friday. What they got instead was a steady, moderate de-

ter Microchip Technology cut its sales forecast for the quarter and warned investors to expect bad news from others in the sector. That sent shares lower for Avago Technologies, In-

week of turbulence in the market brought on by renewed fears that economic growth in Europe could be slowing. The Dow Jones industrial average recorded its big-

pickup in volatility we've suddenly seen during this week," said David Kelly, chief global strategist for JPMorgan Funds.

The major stock indexes were down in premarket trading Friday.

The slide in semiconductor stocks dragged down the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index, keeping it in the red all day.

The other indexes flirted with small gains throughout the day, but the course didn't hold. They ended lower for the fourth time in five days.

All told, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 115.15, or 0.7 percent, to 16,544.10. The Standard & Poor's 500 index shed 22.08, or 1.2 percent, to 1,906.13.

The Nasdaq slid 102.10 points, or 2.3 percent, to 4,276.24.

All three indexes ended lower for the week. For the S&P 500, this was the worst weekly decline since May 18, 2012, when it fell 4.3 percent.

Negative economic news and a slide in oil prices contributed to the uneasiness on Wall Street this week, market watchers said.

Germany, which has been the economic powerhouse for Europe, reported on Thursday its biggest month-

ly drop in exports in five years. In addition, the International Monetary Fund downgraded its outlook for global economic growth.

Meanwhile, some traders are interpreting the decline in oil prices as further indication that growth is slowing.

"You put those three factors together and it has investors nervous at the health of the world economy," said Jeff Kravetz, regional investment director at U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

The volatility in the market this week also came at a time of relatively light corporate news in the U.S. That changes next week, when a slew of major companies begin to report their latest quarterly results.

"Third-quarter earnings season should be pretty reassuring, and I wouldn't be surprised to see money go back into various stocks as companies surprise to the upside, which is what I expect them to do," said Kelly.

Investors did not appear to be overly optimistic on Friday.

Eight of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 fell, led by technology stocks. Utilities and consumer staples bucked the trend.

Shares in electric car maker Tesla slumped after investors looked over the company's late-Thursday announcement of a new all-wheel drive car. The stock lost \$20.10, or 7.8 percent, to \$236.91.

Despite the overall slide, some stocks posted strong gains.

L-3 Communications Holdings led the risers in the S&P 500, adding \$7.04, or 6.5 percent, to \$115.15.

Exact Sciences surged 35.8 percent after the company said its new colon cancer test will be covered by Medicare. Shares in the medical diagnostic test maker added \$6.48 to \$24.60.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note slipped to 2.29 percent from 2.31 percent late Thursday.



Diplomat Pharmacy's Chairman and CEO Phil Hagerman, left, is applauded as he rings a ceremonial bell on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, as his company's IPO begins trading, Friday, Oct. 10, 2014. Investors avoided another roller coaster day on Wall Street Friday. What they got instead was a steady, moderate decline that left the market with its worst weekly performance since May 2012.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

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Technology shares were especially hard-hit. Semiconductor makers slumped af-

ter Microchip Technology, among others. Microchip Technology declined the most, shedding \$5.59, or 12.3 percent, to \$39.96.

The decline capped a

gest gain of the year on Wednesday. The next day, it plunged 334 points, its steepest decline this year.

"A lot of investors are trying to come to grips with the

Olive Garden changes likely with board turnover

CANDICE CHOI
AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Some changes could be in store for Olive Garden, including how the restaurant chain prepares its soups and pasta.

An activist investor on Friday succeeded in its bid to take control of the board of Olive Garden's parent company, Darden Restaurants Inc. Starboard Value's nominees were elected to fill all 12 of Darden's board seats, according to preliminary voting results.

The unusual handover in control comes as Darden has been struggling to turn around Olive Garden's declining sales with new marketing and menu items, including "small plates"

like crispy risotto balls. Earlier this year, the company completed its sale of Red Lobster — despite objections from Starboard and other shareholders — saying it wanted to focus on fixing the Italian-themed

chain.

At the meeting in Florida, Starboard CEO Jeff Smith stood to introduce himself and the new board members before voting results had been announced. Smith noted Starboard has

already begun "to work with the management team to ensure a seamless transition."

In a statement issued later, Smith praised Darden's "incredibly strong foundation that reflects its iconic and growing brands." In addition to Olive Garden, Darden owns smaller chains including LongHorn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille and Yard House.

It's not clear what changes Starboard will push for right away, but the hedge fund issued a 294-page presentation last month saying Darden should spin off its real estate holdings. It criticized Olive Garden for having an overly complicated menu and its failure to salt its pasta water.



Patrons enter an Olive Garden Restaurant in Short Pump, Va. (AP Photo/Steve Helber)

Microsoft chief sets off furor on women's salary

NICK WINGFIELD

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If you are a man speaking at a conference celebrating women in computing, it is probably all right to flatter the largely female audience members by telling them they possess "superpowers."

It is probably unwise, though, to imply that they should avoid asking for a pay raise.

Just ask Satya Nadella.

Nadella, the chief executive of Microsoft, suggested this week that women who do not ask for more money from their employers would be rewarded in the long run when their good work was recognized.

Nadella's comments come at a time when the tech industry, long viewed as unfriendly to potential employees who are women or minorities, has started to work toward diversifying its workforce.

Several hours after his on-stage conversation was over, Nadella took to Twitter to backtrack from his comment, suggesting that tact - at least on Thursday - was not one of his own superpowers. A company spokesman said Nadella had commitments immediately after he left the stage that prevented him from responding earlier.

"Was inarticulate re how women should ask for raise," he wrote in a Twitter post. "Our industry must close gender pay gap so a raise is not needed because of a bias."

Nadella went further in an email to Microsoft employees on Thursday night, saying "I answered that question completely wrong."

He added: "If you think you deserve a raise, you should just ask." Nadella's initial comment came during a conversation with Maria M. Klawe, the president of Harvey Mudd College and a Microsoft board member. During the discussion, she prompted Nadella for advice for women who are uncomfortable seeking promotions and career advancement.

The Slippery Plastic Slope to Overspending

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It was hard not to feel helpless this week after the news that the president himself sought weekly briefings this summer about the cyberattacks against JPMorgan Chase and other financial services companies. Who was it? What did they want? Nobody knew. One rational response for individuals would be to shore up defenses. Get a security freeze on your credit files and thwart the efforts of thieves trying to open new credit card accounts in your name. Use two-factor authentication systems at whatever sites offer it, in case someone gets their hands on your username and password. And please, do not click on any links in emails purporting to be from Chase or other card issuers; they might be from thieves phishing for additional personal information.

But this is also a good time to remind ourselves that we often worry too much about the wrong things. The biggest threat to our financial lives is probably not that thieves will get their hands on our payment card information. Instead, we should concern ourselves with the way we quietly chip away at our own net worth by using credit cards too much in the first place.

A handful of academic researchers have studied what goes on inside our heads when credit cards are in our wallets, and even people who do not carry a balance each month are prone to overspending for a variety of reasons.

One of the most well-known studies, published in 2001 and titled "Always Leave Home Without It," showed that in certain contexts, people were willing to pay up to twice as much for the same item when paying with a credit card instead of cash. This is known as the "credit card premium."

A study in 2008, titled "Monopoly Money," featured a gift card denominated in dollars. Even though

the gift card lost value instantly when people used it, people were still more likely to spend freely with it than they did with cash. And a 2011 study showed that people considering using credit cards tended to focus more heavily on product features when

more. But the most surprising thing about these studies? When I tracked down many of their authors this week, I found that they, too, can't quite kick the credit card habit. Why doesn't Joydeep Srivastava, co-author of the Monopoly money study, use a

card premium. When he was doing the research that led to the paper, he switched to using a debit card for a while to establish his baseline for expenses. Now, he watches carefully to make sure he doesn't exceed that level when using a credit card.

When I told Drazen Prelec, co-author of the "Always Leave Home Without It" research, which cheekily alluded to the old American Express slogan, about my own rewards lust, he suggested that it might be time for some therapy. I had hoped that he would set me straight himself, but he has his own uneven history with the incentive industrial complex.

Once upon a time Prelec, a professor of economics at the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, refused to collect frequent-flier miles (or even coffeehouse stamp cards) because he thought they cluttered his decision-making. When he began to have second thoughts, he still resisted collecting miles for a while longer because it might remind him of all of the free trips he had already missed out on.

Now, he doesn't leave home without his ... wait for it ... American Express card. Why not go debit-only?

"The rational answer is, it's the points," he said, given that few debit cards offer reward points. He redeems Amex's Membership Rewards points for free travel. People pay a kind of premium to use a debit card, he added, payable in the risk that a thief could pull lots of money out of your checking account and cause automated payments to bounce.

Prelec uses his debit card for plenty of items anyway. But he whips out the Amex card for travel purchases, plus some gifts and larger expenses. His tactics come straight from his research, which showed that people were mostly likely to overspend with credit cards on things where the value was uncertain.



The widely-reported thefts of credit card data are probably less of a threat to our personal financial security than cards themselves.

(Robert Neubecker/The New York Times)

shopping, while cash buyers paid closer attention to costs.

This all seems logical on the face of it. People will spend more using credit cards since the pain of paying is further away, by at least a month or so. Even with a gift card, which is akin to the debit cards so many people use today, users are one step removed from having green cash money leave their flesh-and-blood hands. And credit card users who focus more on the features of the item they are shopping for instead of price are more likely to lean toward feature- (and cost-)laden goods. The mere appearance of a card logo in some of these experiments caused many test subjects to spend

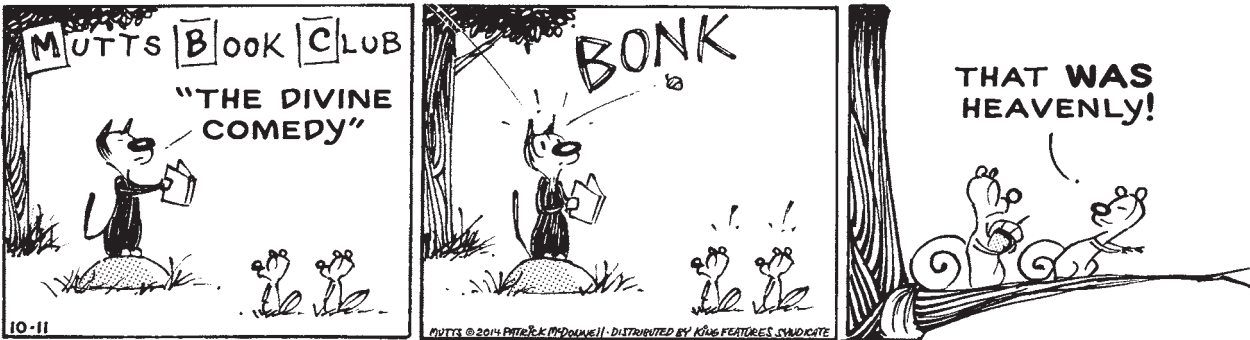
debit card or cash?

"Mostly because my credit card is giving me lots of miles," he said.

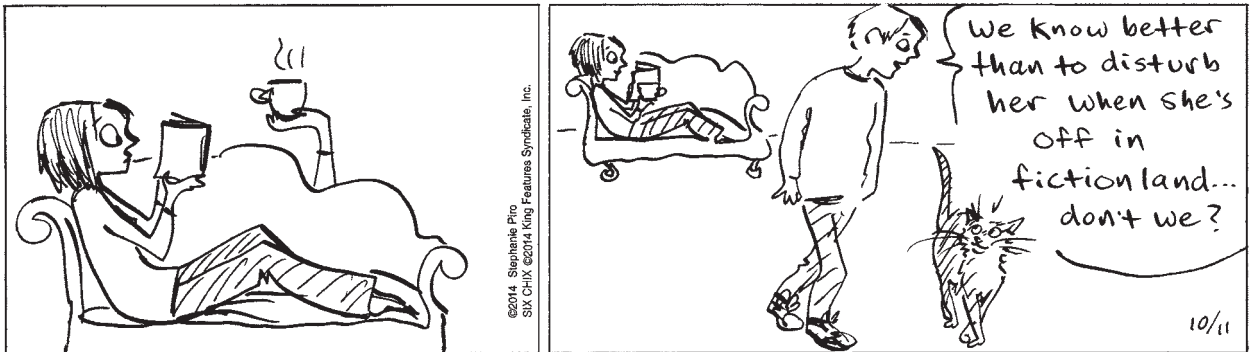
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Srivastava, a professor of marketing and consumer psychology at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, pays his bill off each month and doesn't think he falls victim to the credit

Mutts



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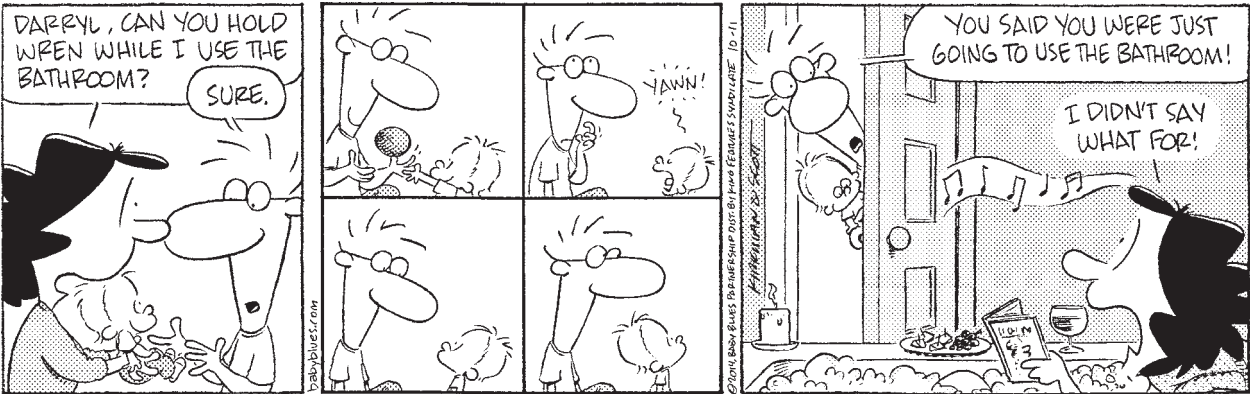
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Baby Blues



Zits



Conceptis Sudoku

	3		1	6		2	
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

2	6	3	1	5	7	8	4	9
5	7	9	4	8	6	2	3	1
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6	2	8	5	4	9	7	1	3
3	4	5	8	7	1	9	2	6
1	9	7	6	2	3	5	8	4

ACROSS

- 1 Unsullied
- 5 Marshy area
- 10 Omelet maker's purchase
- 14 "When You Wish ___ a Star"
- 15 ___ and error; experimental method
- 16 Lunch or dinner
- 17 Cow comments
- 18 Spooky
- 19 Bundle of hay
- 20 Fine craftsman
- 22 Toiled
- 24 Juicy Fruit or Black Jack
- 25 Ride a bike
- 26 Astronaut John
- 29 Depressed
- 30 Ballerina skirts
- 34 Rogers & Clark
- 35 Zoom down snowy slopes
- 36 Put up a fight
- 37 Highest heart
- 38 Citrus fruits
- 40 Early Olds
- 41 Marching band leaders' sticks
- 43 Nourished
- 44 German Mister
- 45 Makes a mess at the table
- 46 Not at home
- 47 Full of lather
- 48 Singer Bailey
- 50 Marry
- 51 Make jump
- 54 Dillydallied
- 58 Rubik's invention
- 59 Bogeymen
- 61 Geneva or Erie
- 62 On ___ own; independent
- 63 Lift with effort
- 64 Level; fair
- 65 Koppel and Turner
- 66 Ms. Dickinson
- 67 Fathers

DOWN

- 1 Wild feline
- 2 "Put ___ shut up!"

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Friday's Puzzle Solved

SUED	INPUT	OFFA
TRAY	MOUSE	PILL
OGRE	PINEAPPLES	
PET	OUST	ROMEO
HENRY	SIS	
SOLACE	CEMENT	
AFIRE	SCRAP	EAT
MANS	STOOL	DATE
EGG	SLOOP	WIPED
ESCHEW	TENORS	
LAW	REBEL	
STOOD	SINS	ITS
HOUSEBOUND	ATOP	
ADZE	ANISE	RARE
MOOD	DETER	KNOW

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- 38 First stage
- 39 Understand
- 42 Tyrannize
- 44 Crowded together
- 46 "Beaver State"
- 47 Stitch
- 49 Hi in HI
- 50 Spend foolishly
- 51 Glasgow man
- 52 Melody
- 53 In the sack
- 54 Lucy's man
- 55 Etna output
- 56 ___ out a living; got by
- 57 Hideaways
- 60 Big ___; semi

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"Where are you?" he asked.

"Where am I?" Sahra repeated three times, as if awaiting a prompt.

Then: In Syria.

She told her older brother she had married a 25-year-old Tunisian she had just met. She said her Algerian-born father had no say in the matter, as he wasn't a real Muslim. It was a short conversation.

Her family has spoken to her twice since then, always guardedly, and communicated a bit on Facebook. But her parents no longer know if she's the one posting the messages, which include links to videos about Islam with guns, blood and mind-numbing music, the same ones she said inspired her to take flight.

"They are just unreal," Severine says.

Sahra has also told her brother she's doing the same things in Syria that she did at home — housework, taking care of children. She says she doesn't plan to return to France, and wants her mother to accept her religion, her choice, her new husband.

This role for girls reflects the desire of jihadists in Syria to attract not just fighters but also families, says Louis Caprioli, a former official with France's anti-terrorist services.

"The propaganda put in place is to form a union with the jihadists, to have children and to raise future fighters," he says.

Sahra's family does not know how — if at all — the investigation into her disappearance is progressing, and the computers confiscated by police have not been returned. Under French law, judicial authorities are not permitted to release details of investigations until a case goes to trial.

"Long live France. Long live the Republic," Kamel says bitterly. "We have to get out of this as best we can on our own."

Nora's family knows less about her quiet path out of France, but considerably more about the network that arranged her one-way

Jihad

trip to Syria.

Nora El-Bahty grew up the third in a family of six children, the daughter of Moroccan immigrants in the tourist city of Avignon. Her parents are practicing Muslims, but do not consider themselves strictly religious. She was recruited on Facebook. Her family does not know exactly how, but the propaganda videos making the rounds there rely heavily on the ideals and fantasies of teenage girls, showing veiled women firing machine guns and Syrian children killed in warfare. The French-language videos also refer repeatedly to France's decision to ban the all-encompassing veil and limit the use of headscarves in public, a sore point among many Muslims.

Nora was 15 when she departed for school on Jan. 23 and never came back. It was only the next day that Foad, her older brother, learned that she had been veiling herself on her way to school, that she had a second phone number, that she had a second Facebook account targeted by recruiters.

"As soon as I saw this second Facebook account I said, 'She's gone to Syria,'" Foad says.

The family found out through the police investigation about the blur of travel that took her there. First she rode on a high-speed train to Paris. Then she flew to Istanbul and a Turkish border town on a ticket booked by a French travel agency, no questions asked.

A young mother paid for everything, gave her a place to stay overnight in Paris and promised to travel with her the next day. The woman decided — at the last minute, she claimed — to abandon the trip, according to police documents shared with the family.

Nora's first contact with her family also came on Facebook, three days after she left. She told them she was happy and in Aleppo, that she was there to help Syrian children. Her brother says she is babysitting the

children of jihadis.

Nora's destination was ultimately a "foreigners' brigade" for the Nusra Front, an al-Qaida branch in Syria, Foad says. The idea apparently was to marry her off. But she objected and one of the emirs intervened on her behalf. For now at least, she remains single.

At first, Foad says, he spoke with his sister by phone several times a day.

"There was a woman behind her who was telling her what she needed to say. ... Everything this woman said, my sister repeated it," says Foad, who has since met other families of departed teens. "And all the girls who are leaving for Syria, they are saying the same thing. Word for word. They have a script: 'I'm good. I'm eating well. I'm going to paradise.'"

A video filmed secretly by an activist in the Islamic State stronghold of Raqqa shows a similar scene. In the video, a roomful of black-robed women, all speak-

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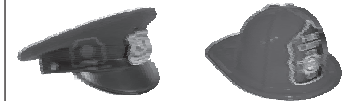
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Retired shuttle paired with space lab

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The space shuttle Endeavour has been paired once again with a space lab and storage pod it used on some missions, as the countdown to its final exhibit continues at the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

A crew on Thursday delicately positioned the 3,000-pound (1,360-kilogram) portable lab and pod inside the orbiter's huge cargo bay, the Los Angeles Times reported (<http://lat.ms/1BZn1mL>). Workers also installed a replica robotic arm, airlock and docking system. The installations move the Endeavour one step closer to becoming the nation's most complete iteration of a grounded shuttle on display.

The final exhibit is still four years away from being complete. But visitors to the temporary exhibit site will get a rare, brief chance to see Endeavour with both cargo bay doors open before they are closed again for more work after Oct. 21. None of the other shuttles on display has equipment in the cargo bay, according



The payload bay doors of the space shuttle Endeavour, housed at the California Science Center, stand open after the installation of a space lab and storage pod on Friday, Oct. 10, 2014 in Los Angeles.

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to the newspaper. Endeavour will also be the only one of the three retired shuttles that orbited the Earth — Endeavour, Atlantis and Discovery — to be posed with its nose pointing up, toward space.

"Just like it's ready to launch," said Jeffrey Rudolph, president of the Science Center.

In its final pose, the cargo doors will be open and people will be able to peer

inside the craft, which was a workhorse during its two decades in flight.

The Times said the next big steps for the Endeavour exhibit will probably happen next year, when construction of the \$250-mil-

lion Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center — its eventual home — begins.

The museum has so far raised about \$100 million of the \$250 million needed to complete it. The center is expected to open in 2018.

Archaeologists uncover village in U.S. park

PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARK, Arizona (AP) — Archaeologists at the Petrified Forest National Park in the southwestern U.S. have discovered an ancient village that is unique for its size.

Park officials say 50 to 70 pit houses are organized in rings on about 66 acres (26 hectares). One village found last summer

spanned about 14 acres (6 hectares).

Archaeologists say the pit houses were built more than 1,000 years ago in the Basketmaker period. They say that's when groups of people started settling together in villages.

The pit houses made of stone slabs were found in

sand dunes. Traces of stone tools and early ceramics also were found nearby. The discoveries are part of

three-year, grant-funded project to survey 45,000 acres (18,211 hectares) of land that has been added

to the Arizona park since 2004. The villages were found on the eastern portion of that land.

U.S. university awarded \$8M for brain cell database

IRVINE, California (AP) — The University of California, Irvine has been awarded an \$8 million grant for the creation of a database of brain cell activity.

The Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday (<http://lat.ms/1ne9VRn>) that the university will house one of six brain-cell databases around the U.S.

The grant from the National Institutes of Health will allow researchers to study

brain cell activity in motor neuron disorders such as Lou Gehrig's disease, also known as ALS, and build a detailed collection of these diseases' signatures.

The school says those signatures will be used to identify cell targets for new drug treatments.

The five others participating in the project are Cedars-Sinai Medical Center; the Gladstone Institute of Neurological Disease; Uni-

versity of California, San Francisco; Johns Hopkins University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



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In this May 2, 2013 file photo, Chelsea Handler arrives at "An Unforgettable Evening" benefiting EIF's Women's Cancer Research Fund at The Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Chelsea Handler special debuts Friday on Netflix

ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Chelsea Handler is proud of herself for knowing when to say when.

And the outspoken comedian says she knew when it was time to say goodbye to her E! talk show, "Chelsea Lately."

Handler ended the seven-year run of the show in August.

"The last two years were not pleasant for me," she said in a recent interview. "It wasn't brutal. It was an easy job, but I was just bored. I was bored of myself. I was bored of the topics. I was bored of being at work and I just needed to spread my wings. I just needed to get out of there."

Handler announced in June that she had struck a deal with online TV network Netflix. A stand-up performance based on her best-selling book and comedy tour "Uganda Be Kidding Me" debuts Friday.

Next year, she'll create four docu-comedy specials on topics like Silicon Valley and the NBA draft, where she's a "fish out of water," and then she'll star in a talk show on Netflix in 2016.

"I wanted a year to figure out what I want to do. I didn't want to just step right into another talk show, nor did Netflix," the 39-year-old

Handler said. "They said, 'No, we want you to have your next phase of your career.'"

Handler said she will feature celebrities on her talk show if there's a reason to do so. "It has to be my choice. There has to be some intrigue there. It can't be just somebody promoting something."

Her favorite part about the show: there's no template; she's in uncharted territory.

Critics: Haunted house's 'Gacy room' insensitive

VILLA PARK, Illinois (AP) —

Two former prosecutors who helped convict John Wayne Gacy say that horror filmmaker Rob Zombie's decision to include in his suburban Chicago haunted house a room dedicated to the serial killer could be hurtful to the many loved ones of Gacy's victims who still live in the area. "I don't argue with Rob Zombie's right to do what he's doing but it's a shame that what he's doing is causing the victims' families pain," Robert Egan, who now teaches law in the area, told The (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald. "I find it to be in terrible taste," said Terry Sullivan, a former prosecutor who helped win a conviction of Gacy that led to his execu-

tion in 1994. The newspaper reports that Zombie has in interviews described the Gacy room as "funny." And the haunted house's producer, Steve Kopelman said the true crime rooms dedicated to the likes of Gacy, Jeffrey Dahmer and Charles Manson was meant to be shocking to visitors. The website of the haunted house says it charges the public from \$25-\$60 to view the displays.

Egan understands that the fascination people have with Gacy, 40 years after he lured at least 33 young men to his Chicago area home, killed them and stashed many of their bodies under the crawl space of his house.

And he suspects younger

people who don't remember the very real horror that gripped the area and America might see Gacy as sort of an "urban legend."

But Egan said the haunted house and the room in which an actor dressed as Gacy in his infamous clown costume with two dolls dressed as Boy Scouts sit on the couch is just 10 miles (16 kilometers) from where the family of the last identified victim lived at the time and still lives. "It's not like this is in

the middle of Nebraska; it is close to where most of the victims and where many of their families still live."

Not only that, but Egan said that for many people the slayings are not just history, but something they live, including those who continue to give DNA samples in an effort to determine if any of the still unidentified victims of Gacy are their loved ones.

"So all these people are sitting on the edge of their seats anyway," he said.



U.S. actress Angelina Jolie, right, is presented with the Insignia of an Honorary Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace, London, Friday, Oct. 10, 2014.

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Queen Elizabeth honors Angelina Jolie at palace

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II has honored campaigning actress Angelina Jolie in a Buckingham Palace ceremony.

The queen made Jolie an honorary dame for her work against sexual violence in war zones and her services to British foreign policy.

She received the award Fri-

day during a private meeting with the queen.

The decision to grant it was announced in June when Jolie co-chaired a conference in London aimed at curbing war-related sexual violence. She worked closely with former British Foreign Minister William

Hague on that conference. The 39-year-old Jolie has drawn praise from many world figures for her work on behalf of refugees and victims of sexual violence.

Jolie recently married longtime partner Brad Pitt and starred in the film "Maleficent."



Carol Burnett returns to Broadway, happily

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Carol Burnett doesn't want to brag, but she's done it with a lot of famous guys. Her first time was with Leslie Nielsen, then Tony Roberts. She did it twice with Charlton Heston, twice with Cliff Robertson, once with Tom Selleck, and once with John Cleese.

"Am I leaving anyone out?" the actress asks, impishly. "I've been awfully busy."

All these men were, of course, Burnett's co-stars over the years in A.R. Gurney's charming play "Love Letters," in which an actor and actress read aloud letters, cards, birth announcements and notes they've sent to one another over decades.

This month Burnett returns to Broadway in the show and opposite a familiar face — Brian Dennehy. It will be the third time in a quarter of a century that



In this July 22, 2013 file photo, actress and comedian Carol Burnett arrives at the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' An Evening with Carol Burnett at the Leonard H. Goldenson Theatre in Los Angeles.

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they've played the would-be lovers together onstage. The first time the couple did

it was in 1993 in Telluride, Colorado. The second time was at Sundance, Utah, at

an outdoor stage. Naturally, it rained. And not just a gentle mist, either.

"It was coming down in sheets! The audience stayed," says Burnett. "I said, 'What are we going to do?'"

And the stage managers came out with umbrellas, one of them holding it over me and the other over Brian. And we did the whole show."

Burnett, 81, will be replacing Mia Farrow on Saturday, and she and Dennehy pair up until Nov. 8. The next slated celebrities include Alan Alda, Candice Bergen, Stacy Keach, Diana Rigg, Anjelica Huston and Martin Sheen.

Burnett said she and Dennehy naturally have a certain chemistry and the other couples will bring their own. "It'll be a completely different dynamic because that's the way it is with relationships," she says.

The play looks deceptively easy, since it asks its actors to not rehearse, memorize or interact until the end. They simply come out and read aloud the letters from binders.

"People who haven't done it say, 'Well, that should be real easy.'

You just sit and you're reading and not looking at each other.' But that's what makes it harder," said Burnett.

"Love Letters" marks Burnett's return to the place where her career took off with critical acclaim for her Broadway work in "Once Upon a Mattress" in 1959. She went on to create her own variety show "The Carol Burnett Show" and then to films, including "A Wedding" and "The Four Seasons."

She said her TV show, which aired from 1967-79 and was chock full of her spoofing other TV series, movies or just daily life, was a conscious attempt to recreate the vibe of Broadway.

"I wanted to do it like a live stage show. We did an original musical comedy revue a week, as if we were in summer stock," he says. "I wanted that feeling. It was the best kind of job I could have." □

Former 'SNL' cast member Jan Hooks dies at age 57

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Jan Hooks, whose impressions ranged from Nancy Reagan to Sinead O'Connor to Tammy Faye Bakker during a five-year stint on the show, has died. The 57-year-old Hooks died Thursday in New York, according to her agent, Lisa Lieberman. She had no other details.

Hooks, a Decatur, Georgia, native, moved into prime time in 1991 as a cast member on the sitcom "Designing Women." She later did an Emmy Award-nominated turn on "3rd Rock From the Sun."

She also appeared in 1992's "Batman Returns" and voiced convenience store owner Apu's wife on "The Simpsons" for several years. On "SNL," she was part of

a 1986 cast infusion that included fellow standouts Dana Carvey and Phil Hartman that helped the show after the previous season's ratings dive.

"I was 15 years old when I first saw Jan Hooks on SNL. All of her characters spoke to me. She was one of the greats," SNL alum Amy Poehler said in a statement.

A former member of the influential comedy troupe The Groundlings, she had been rejected twice before for a spot on the NBC comedy institution.

Besides impersonations that included Bette Davis and Hillary Rodham Clinton, Hooks won laughs for original characters such as Candy, half of the bouffant-haired Sweeney Sisters lounge act. But being on a live weekly broadcast proved hard on the comic actress. □



This photo provided by NBC Universal shows Jan Hooks as Verna in season 4 of the television series, "30 Rock."

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